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At a meeting of the School committee 1
of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room
City Hall, on Tuesday, the tenth day of January, A. D. 1837.

The following gentlemen compose the School committee members.
the present year.

Samuel A. Eliot, Mayor, Chairman.

Philip Mallett, President of the Common Council.

From the wards.

- Ward No. 1. Rev. Baron Stow²⁰ and Simon W. Robinson¹⁹
" " 2. Charles A. Macomber¹³ & Dr. E. W. Leach¹¹
" " 3. Dr. Ezra Palmer, Jr.¹⁵ & George W. Light²⁴
" " 4. Rev. Dr. Francis Parkman¹⁶ & Rev. William Hague⁷
" " 5. Frederick Emerson⁵ & David Henshaw⁹
" " 6. Henry B. Rogers¹⁸ & Edward Wigglesworth²²
" " 7. Rev. Samuel Barrett² & Rev. Samuel K. Lothrop¹²
" " 8. Isaac McLellan, Jr.¹⁴ & Thomas H. Davis¹
" " 9. George G. Smith⁸ & Dr. Martin Gay.
" " 10. Rev. Alexander Young & Avers J. Austin.
" " 11. Dr. Marshall S. Perry¹⁷ & Nathan Hale¹⁰
" " 12. Justin Field⁶ & Rev. Horace L. Conolly⁴

All the above appeared and took their seats, except
Doctor Gay.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor Chairman
who by the rules is ex officio chairman.

Voted, to proceed to the choice of Secretaries by Secretary.
ballot; and the votes being taken, it appeared that Samuel
T. McKeary, was unanimously chosen.

Latin & Eng. H.
Scho.

Mr. McLellan made a motion that the sub-committees of the Latin School and English High School be reduced to five members each. Which motion was laid on the table.

Rules & Regulations
motion to revise

Mr. Emerson made the following motion W.D.L.
Ordered, that be a committee to revise the rules & regulations, with instructions to consider the expediency of making the following provisions in the revised code W.D.L.

1st That the scholars hereafter admitted to the Latin School be not less than ten years of age, shall be able to parse English prose, and perform operations in the elementary rules of arithmetic.

2^d That the number of subordinate teachers in the grammar and writing schools shall be regulated by the number of scholars attending the schools - allowing one instructor for every fifty scholars.

3rd That the several writing schools shall be uniformly classed, and the studies assigned to each class.

4th That the existing rule, which provides for the abolishment of the writing schools shall be excluded from the revised code.

The board took into consideration the foregoing motion which after discussion, and various motions made to amend the same, which did not obtain; the previous question was moved by Mr. Emerson which was put by the Chairman as follows viz. "Shall the main question be now put?" Which was decided in the affirmative. Upon the question of putting said vote it was decided in the negative.

Rules & Regulations
amended

The rules and regulations of the last year were taken up and considered, and it was voted to amend the same as follows viz. Chap. 1. art. 1. strike ^{out} the words "seven" & in lieu thereof insert "five."

On motion of Mr. Marett, it was voted that 3.
 the rules and regulations of the School committee of the last year Rules &c.
 be adopted until the further order of this board.

The following sub or visiting committees Sub-committees
 were nominated and appointed viz: appointed.

Latin School - Mayor	English High Sch. Mr. Austin
Rev. Mr. Young	Rev. Dr. Parkman
Messrs. McLellan	Dr. Palmer
Davis &	Mr. Field &
Wigglesworth	Mr. Henshaw
Eliot School. Rev. Mr. Stow	Mancock School. Dr. Palmer
Mr. Macomber &	Dr. Leach &
Mr. Robinson	Mr. Light
Mayhew School. Rev. Mr. Hague	Bowdoin Sch. Rev. Dr. Parkman
Mr. Rogers &	Rev. Mr. Barrett &
Rev. Mr. Lothrop.	Mr. Emerson
Wells School. Mr. Henshaw	Adams Sch. Rev. Mr. Young
Mr. Wigglesworth &	Mr. McLellan &
Rev. Mr. Barrett.	Mr. Austin
Johnson School. Messrs. Austin	Boylston Sch. Dr. Gay
Davis &	Mr. Rogers &
Smiths.	Rev. Mr. Young
Winthrop Sch. Messrs. Marett	Franklin Sch. Dr. Perry
Smiths &	Mr. Hale &
Davis.	Mr. Field
Clawes Sch. Rev. Mr. Connolly	Smiths Sch. Rev. Mr. Barrett
Mr. Field &	Mr. Emerson &
Dr. Perry.	Mr. Rogers.

Books 4.
Com. ce. on

Ordered, that Messrs. Hague, Hale,
McLellan, Perry & Barrett, be a standing committee on Books.

Primary Sch. com.

Ordered, that Messrs. Marrett, Rogers and

to confer

Stow be a standing committee to confer with the primary school
committee.

Lombard

Memorial of Nathaniel K. Lombard, Junior,
respecting, an apparatus which he has invented, for the purpose
of exhibiting and preserving maps, charts, prints &c. and asking
the patronage of the school committee to the same. Read and
referred to the committee on books.

Williams' protest
ag. Henshaw's
election W. N. 5.

Memorial of Henry Williams, and others, In-
habitants of ward No. 5, protesting against the election of David
Henshaw, Esq. and the proceedings of the inhabitants of said ward
on the 26th of December last, which was held for the purpose of
electing a member of the school committee from said Ward. Read
and thereupon.

Ordered, that Messrs. Austin, Hale, Palmer, Wigglesworth
and Davis be a committee to take into consideration the remon-
strance of sundry citizens in ward 5 against the election of David
Henshaw, Esq. to a seat in this board, with instructions to said
committee to report as to the power of the board in judging of the
elections of its members, and its power in all other matters touching
the premises.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest

C. S. McLeary

Secretary.

5.

At a quarterly meeting of the School
committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and
Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday the fourteenth day of
February, Anno Domini, 1837.

Present

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. Henshaw,
Lothrop, Gay, Perry and Blake.

Semi annual returns were received from the masters of Semi annual ret.
all the Schools, except the Hawes School.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of Quarterly Reports
the respective Schools.

The committee on the Latin School among other things Latin School.
recommended that the report of a committee on that school proposing Rules amended.
changes in the requisitions for admission into that school, be adopted
by this board. The said report was accordingly considered, &
after amendment the same was adopted as follows viz. -

I. That the second section of the regulations be amended by
striking out the word "nine" and in lieu thereof inserting
the word "ten."

II. That the qualifications for admission be raised by insert-
ing after the 4th line of the 4th section "shall understand mon-
tal and the simple rules of written arithmetic and be able to
answer the map questions of Worcester's modern Geography." -

The sub-committee of the English High School, among English high Sch.
other things reported, that Mr. George W. Minns has resigned his
situation as Master. Mr. Calvin Farrar, has been selected as his
successor.

6. Successor, and is nominated to the board for a permanent appointment." Read and accepted, and said nomination was confirmed and said Tarran was appointed accordingly.

Hancock School.

The sub committee of the Hancock School among other things reported, that the total number of pupils in this school is 573. The committee suggest the following orders.

1st That all the pupils of the Hancock School not residents of the three northern wards, except such as belong to the highest class, be transferred to other schools.

2nd That in future, no new pupils be received into the Hancock School, except they reside in one of the three northern wards. Read, accepted & the orders passed.

Johnson School.

Teacher chosen. Usher's salary cont.^d The sub committee of the Johnson School among other things reported, that Miss Emily N. Gray, has resigned the office of teacher; & the committee have appointed Miss Mary E. Crotting to supply the vacancy & respectfully nominate her to the board for confirmation. Mr. Johnson has also resigned his situation as usher; but the principal of the School not at present deeming it expedient to procure another, the committee make no nomination. The committee respectfully suggest to the board the propriety & justice of continuing Mr. Johnson's salary to the end of the present quarter. His claims to such favor are stated in an extract of a letter from Mr. Parker. It is proper to observe that both Mr. Johnson & Miss Gray resigned at the suggestion of Mr. Parker, the sub committee respectfully recommend to the board that the salaries of Mr. Johnson & Miss Gray be continued to the 1st April next. The sub committee also respectfully suggest that some steps should be taken to cause ventilators of the

the School houses to be properly repaired. At present they are not only in an unfinished state presenting an unsightly appearance, but likewise of no use, being entirely out of order. It is recommended that application be made to the committee of Aldermen on buildings for leave to put this important part of the School fixtures into a useful condition." The question was taken upon allowing the salary of the late master of said school to the end of the present quarter and it was decided in the affirmative. The nomination of Mary E. Crotting as assistant teacher was confirmed.

The committee on the Smith School among other Smith School. things reported, as follows viz: "At the request of the master the Books. committee recommend, that an appropriation be made from the Smith fund, for the purchase of books for the indigent scholars. This has been done in former years. Many of the pupils have now no books, and they are unable to buy them."

Read, accepted and ordered accordingly.

The reports of the sub-committees of the Adams Adams & Mayhew and Mayhew Schools were read and laid upon the table Schools. and the reports from the other schools were accepted.

Ordered, that Messrs Young, Hague and Palmer Teachers. be a committee to apportion the number of teachers among the several schools.

The Rev. Mr. Young was excused from serving Boylston & Mayhew as a member of the sub-committee of the Boylston Schools. School, and the Rev. Mr. Lothrop was appointed in his place. And the Rev. Mr. Lothrop was excused from serving on the com. of the Mayhew School, & the Rev. Mr. Young was appointed in his place.

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East Boston
School

The Chairman communicated the following vote which passed the City Council, on the thirtieth instant, viz: Ordered, that a grammar school, for the instruction of males and females be established at East Boston to be under the direction of a master, who shall be entitled to one female assistant, whenever the number of scholars actually attending shall exceed sixty.

Ordered, that Messrs Gould, Adams & Snow with such as the board of Aldermen may join, be a committee to provide a room suitably fitted up for the accommodation of said school.

Ordered, that the above be communicated to the school committee, that a master be appointed for the new school.

The board of Aldermen concurred & Aldermen Gurney & Wells were joined.

Read and thereupon ordered that Messrs Stow, Palmer and Light be a committee to nominate to this board a master for said school.

Mayden. assist. teacher
New school.

Ordered, that the account of William J. Slade, for the board of Eliza L. Mayden, late an assistant teacher in the Wells School, viz: fifteen weeks boarding & nursing & funeral expenses, amounting in the whole to seventy five dollars be allowed, and paid.

Boston Academy of
Music.

Ordered, that the memorial of the Boston Academy of Music, on the subject of introducing instruction in music into the public schools, and the memorials of Cha^s P. Curtis, Father, and Francis Jackson, and others, in favor of the same, be taken from the files of last year, & referred to Messrs Davis, Lathrop and Field, to consider & report.

The special committee to whom was referred the remonstrance of sundry citizens of ward 5, against the election of David Henshaw, with instructions to report as to the power of the board in judging of the elections of its members, & its power in all other matters touching the premises, having attended to the duty assigned them, ask leave to Report. The protest of Henry Williams, Father, against the legality of the election of Mr. Henshaw having been referred to the committee the question is, upon the disposition to be made of it. There is however a preliminary question. Have the School committee jurisdiction on the subject of the legality or illegality of the election of its members?— If this question be determined in the negative, no action can be had upon the protest, & the duty assigned to the committee will, by the expression of this opinion have been discharged. A majority of the committee are of opinion that the School committee have no such jurisdiction.

It is sometimes in indefinite language stated that all deliberative bodies have inherently a power residing in them of judging of the election of their members. This position is deemed to be unsound. In this country, no deliberative body, no representative body, what is more no legislative body, has, it is believed, this power except by grant directly or indirectly from the people. The idea of an inherent power belonging to all these bodies of judging of the election of their members independently of such grant, seems to come from a false analogy drawn from the practice of the British parliament. The English House of Commons, it is true, by the custom of Parliament, exercises in the fullest sense this power. But then it should be remarked that all votes for members of Parliament

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are, by the theory of the English government, supposed to be returned to the house of commons there to be inspected and revised. The House of commons is thus made the grand college of return for the whole nation. No such return of votes is made to any legislative body in America, hence a wide distinction between the countries. Still further, the proud peculiarity of the United States is, that it is a country of written constitutions. The voice of English law says, Parliament is omnipotent. The better language of American law declares that there is an authority enthroned above all Legislatures, the authority of written constitutions emanating from the same sovereign source whence Legislatures themselves proceed, which constitutions every member of those Legislatures is by a solemn oath bound to maintain. These are important differences. It would not follow, therefore, because the English House of Commons by Parliamentary usage merely, claimed the power of judging of the elections of its members, that therefore by parity of reason, every legislative body in this country, had from a similar usage a like power. But apart from a consideration of the abstract question, what is the simple fact? — On examination, it will be found that in every written Constitution of the United States from Maine to Missouri, & in the great national Constitution which encompasses them all, the power is given in express words, invariably, to each Legislative branch, to judge of the qualifications, returns and elections of its own members. Now if this were a power inherent in all legislative bodies in this country without such grant, why this special giving of the power with not an omission in a single instance. Is it said that it is to give the greater emphasis & preeminence to a power which without such grant would have existed? The answer is, that then ^{the} house would have

have appeared in the form of right asserted in a declaration 11.
or bill of rights, & not have been conferred, as is in every
case in fact, in the body of the Constitution itself. It may
therefore well be questioned, whether we look to abstract
reasoning, or to matter of fact, whether any Legislative body
in this Country, independently of the grant in its Constitution,
would legally have had the power of judging of the election of
its members. If then this power be not inherent in all
Legislative bodies in this Country, most assuredly for a strong
or reason, it is not inherent in other subordinate bodies,
whether deliberative or representative, less than Legislative.
If without grant from the people, not even the Legislature of
the Commonwealth would legally have had this power, surely,
without the same grant, this School committee has it not.
But suppose the power to be inherent in all Legislative
assemblies, which does not appear to be the case, what then
would follow? Would the School committee therefore have
the same inherent power? — Not so. — And for the very
simple reason — that the School committee is not a Legislative
assembly. Like the other co-ordinate branches of the City
government it may in a qualified sense be termed a
deliberative & representative body, but by no correct use
of language can it be called a Legislative body. The
different branches of the City government are not bodies
Legislative, but are themselves the offspring of Legislative
enactment. A charter coming from the hands of the Legisla-
ture, ratified & accepted by the people, gave them all birth.
The School committee is properly a deliberative, ministerial body,
having no powers save what this charter which created it confers.
If then the School committee have the power of judging of the
election

12. election of its members, this power must be found imparted to it by the City Charter. The question therefore is thus narrowed down. Is the power in question so given? On reference to the City Charter, it will be found that the power to judge of the election of its members, is expressly given to the Common Council. No such power is any where to be found in express terms given to the School Committee. If then the Committee have this power it must be by grant implied. Can such an implication be presumed?—A majority of the Committee are of opinion, that in the absence of an express grant this power cannot be implied. For in the first place, what is the nature of this implication?—It is an implication giving to the Committee no common power, but a high judicial power of an extraordinary character. An implication may sometimes be lawfully presumed, in order to carry more fully into effect a power already given. An implication creating a wholly new power not already given is of a very different character. This, too, is an implication cumulative in its nature, for that account the more to be resisted. In legislative bodies where the power is granted of determining the election of their members, should a vacancy be found to exist, the body creating it, issues a writ for a new election. Such could not be the case here. Should the School Committee assume by implication the power to declare a vacancy, having no power to fill the vacancy, they must by another implication notify to the Mayor & Aldermen the fact, from whom by a third implication the writ for a new election must issue. Besides, if the School Committee have by implication this power, the Overseers of the Poor have the same power in regard to the election of their members. The stewards of the board of Health under the old Municipal arrangement had it likewise. In fact, what elected college of men is there, whether

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great or small, electors of the President of the United States, or the directors of an Insurance company, that would not upon the same principles have the same power. The doctrine when carried to this its legitimate extent seems monstrous in the extreme. But above all, the School committee, unlike the Aldermen and Common Council take no oath of office. There then would be the anomaly of a body organizing themselves into a tribunal to try judicially the purity of elections & the solemn questions of bribery & corruption, this examination not infrequently involves questions which the Parliament of Great Britain, with all its high powers, never approaches until by the admirable provisions of the Grenville act it has purged itself free from every influence that might swamp its judicial rectitude, the anomaly of the School committee organizing themselves into such a tribunal, with no oath of office impartially to try these issues. Add to ^{this} the still further anomaly of such a tribunal with not the shadow of power, to compel the presence of witnesses or cause them to be sworn.

But it may be said, if the School committee have not this power of judging of the election of its members, where in case of an illegal & corrupt election where is the remedy? This inquiry your committee are not bound to answer. It is enough for us to show that the School committee is not the tribunal to decide the question. Whether or no there be a tribunal competent to decide it, it is not necessary to consider. Even if it should be found that no such tribunal known to the law at present exists, this certainly would be an evil, but what then? An application to the legislature it might be remedied. Would it be the first time the City Charter had been found to be defective? Admitting the evil, the School committee would have no authority to take the remedy,
for

14 for it into their own hands. On the whole, Mr. Henshaw appears among us in obedience to the notifications of our Secretary granted on a communication made by the Clerk of Ward 5, that Mr. Henshaw had been elected School committee man from that ward. This communication was unofficial. The committee accordingly demanded an official certificate from the Clerk of Ward 5, touching this point. That certificate, a transcript from the records of the ward has been furnished & is subjoined. It certifies officially the choice of David Henshaw, member of the School committee from that ward. If the Clerk of this ward has certified falsely, he is criminally answerable. If any of the voters of that ward have been deprived of their right of voting by the agency, though without malice, of the officers of the ward, they are entitled to an action against them, for the disturbance of that right. Meanwhile, as far as the School committee are concerned, the certificate of the Clerk of Ward 5, is conclusive evidence of Mr. Henshaw's right to a seat among them. They could only go behind this record, or dispute the legality of the transactions it discloses, in case the power to do so was expressly granted by the City Charter. It is not so granted, & by no sound principles of law can it be implied. After this report was drawn up, the opinion of the City Solicitor on the question which has been discussed, was sent to the committee. It is in confirmation of the result to which the committee had previously arrived, and is annexed as part of this report. In fine, your committee submit to the board the following resolution, as the conclusion to which the foregoing reasoning has led—

Resolved, That the protest of sundry citizens of Ward 5 against the election of David Henshaw, be placed upon the

the files of the School committee, but, that as in the opinion
of the board the School committee have no jurisdiction in the
premises, no further order be passed thereon. All which is sub-
mitted. For the committee. J. Kemper Davis.

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The foregoing report was read, and upon the question
of accepting the same and passing said resolution the yeas
and nays being required were taken as follows viz:

Yeas- Messrs Stow, Macomber, Leach, Palmer, Light, Parkman,
Mague, Emerson, Rogers, Wigglesworth, Barrett, McLellan, Davis,
Young, Field and Conolly. 16. Nays- Messrs Robinson & Austin- 2.

So the same was accepted and the resolve passed.

Mr. Austin the chairman of the committee read &
filed his report to the foregoing report.

The following gentlemen were nom- Primary School
inated & appointed to have the care & Superintendence of the com^{ee}
primary schools, & that they be authorized to fill all vacancies which
may occur during the year, giving notice to this board of the
persons thus chosen. WY:

George W. Otis.	Sam. Jos. W. Ingraham.	Wm. Brigham.
John P. Bigelow	Henry Andrews.	Francis Brown.
George Rogers	Samuel Tenney.	Sam. L. G. Simpkins.
Augustus A. Gould.	Lehman Gore.	Fred. L. L. Sumner.
John Flint	Sam. L. Chapman.	J. M. Washburn.
Rich. W. Bayley	And. W. Geyer.	E. M. Gray.
J. W. Bourne	John B. McLeary.	Ab. L. G. Wyman.
John Center	Sam. W. Hall.	Lewis G. Gray.
Nathan Merrill	Wm. Palfrey.	Daniel Henshaw.
Richard Austin	Gustavus Horton.	Elisha F. Eastman.
Wm. A. Thompson.	Beza Lincoln.	Elijah Cobb.

Aurelius

16. Aurelius D. Parker.	George Vinton.	Abner Simonds.
Enoch Hobart.	William Brown.	Oranston Howe.
Wendell Phillips.	Thomas Vase.	John B. Stebbins.
Joseph Richardson.	James B. Dow.	Brewster Reynolds.
Henry B. Rogers.	Daniel T. Coit.	James Morrill
Martin Gay.	John Gulliver.	Solon Jenkins
Ebenezer D. Jones.	Wm E. Foster.	Josiah Dunham, Jr.
Josiah L. Bumstead.	Elisha Field.	Ezra Weston, Jr.
James M. Whiton.	Henry Hatch.	Thos. Huntington.
Lorenzo S. Cragin.	Joseph Curtis.	Chas. F. Barnard.
Sam. M. Walley	A. B. Wheeler.	John L. Emerson.
Wm D. Ticknor	Wm Taylor, Jr.	Edmund Jackson.
Julius A. Palmer	Francis Bullard.	Otis Everett, Jr.
Leicester Warner	Sam. T. Morse.	Samuel L. Cole.
George Vinton	Wm C. Jenkins.	Benj. Brown.
Guy L. Haynes.		

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary.

Secretary.

17.

At a meeting of the School com-
mittee of the City of Boston, held at the Aldermen's room, City
Hall, Thursday, the twenty third day of February, A. 1837.

Present-

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. Marolt,
Leach, Parkman, Mlenshaw, Wigglesworth, Young & Conolly.

Memorial of a committee of the Tem-
perance Societies, requesting that the several public schools in
the City, with the exception of the primary schools, may be dis-
missed, on the afternoon of the last Tuesday of the present month,
(which is the day of the simultaneous temperance meetings through-
out the civilized world) for the purpose of holding, upon that
afternoon, a Juvenile temperance meeting, at the Odeon.

Read and thereupon voted, That the several public
schools, with the exception of the primary schools, be dismissed
on the afternoon of Tuesday next, for the purpose above
expressed.

Petition of Joseph Eustis, and others. Eustis
praying, that corporal punishment, so far as regards the corporal punish-
ment of children in the public schools, be abolished. Read
and referred to Messrs. Perry, Hale, Field, Macomber and
Wigglesworth, to consider and report.

The following motion was read & referred. Books
to Messrs. Perry, Austin and Emerson, to consider & report on furnishing
viz: Ordered, that the grammar & writing masters be authorized
to furnish, at the expense of the City, such books as are usual
in each department, for those children whose parents are not
able to provide the same.

18.

Book keeping

Ordered, that the study of book keeping be forthwith introduced into those schools in which it is at present neglected; and, that the sub-committees of the several schools report on the progress made in this branch of instruction, at the next quarterly meeting.

Ordered, that the Secretary send a copy of this order to the several masters.

East Boston Sch.

master chosen

The committee appointed to nominate a master for the grammar school about to be established at East Boston, ask leave to report: - And nominate for that office, Mr. Albert Bowker, now usher in the grammar department of the Eliot school. Baron How. Chairman.

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of a master of said school, and the votes being taken it appeared that Albert Bowker was chosen.

Rules of Sch. com.

motion to amend.

The following motion to amend the rules was read and laid on the table - viz. Chap. 3. § 3. strike out the following "but no examination shall be made of those who bring a certificate of recommendation from the primary school committee."

Lombard.

The committee on books, to whom was referred a communication of Nathaniel H. Lombard Jr. respecting an apparatus which he has invented for the purpose of preserving and exhibiting maps, charts, prints &c. made a report, which was read & laid upon the table.

The meeting was then adjourned.

West, P. W. C. Perry, Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the ninth day of May, Anno Domini, 1837. Present

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The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. How, Hague, Wigglesworth, McLellan, and Hale.

Dr. George Bartlett, who was chosen a member for Ward No. 5, in place of David Amshur, Esq. resigned, appeared & took his seat. Member chosen

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees of the respective schools. 2^d reports.

The committee on the Latin School, among other things reported, that at the last meeting of this board, a vote was passed, altering the age and raising the qualifications for admission to this school. It is important that these alterations should be early and generally known, in order that parents may know how to make their arrangements. The committee therefore recommend, that immediate notice of these changes in the regulations be published in the newspapers under the direction of the Master. One of the regulations of this school provides that the regular course of instruction shall continue five years, and no scholar shall enjoy the privileges of this school beyond that term. The committee are of opinion that the interests of the school would be promoted by appending to this rule a qualifying clause similar to that in the corresponding regulation for continuance in the grammar schools, namely by adding "unless by special leave from the sub-committee?" Latin School.

— The building requires extensive ~~repairs~~ internal repairs, some change in the mode of heating it, a renewal of the School furniture

20. ture and a different arrangement of the seats. And the committee accordingly recommend, that this board request the standing committee of repairs on public buildings to take this subject under consideration, and to make such repairs & alterations as may be deemed necessary & important to the prosperity of the School.
Read, accepted and ordered accordingly.

English High School.

The committee on the English High School among other things reported, "that they were informed by the master, that there were a few small repairs, essential to the comfort and security of the building, which at his request, they commend to the early attention of the proper authorities.
Read and accepted.

Eliot School.

The committee on the Eliot School among other things reported, that they recommended Mr. Emerson & Carter to be appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal to East Boston, of Mr. Albert Bowker. Read and accepted and the said Carter was appointed accordingly.

Hancock School

The committee on the Hancock School in their report nominated as teachers Miss Laura Stevens vice Miss F. N. Harmon, resigned; and Miss ^{Delia} L. Gould, vice Miss A. W. Packard resigned - which nomination was confirmed and they were appointed accordingly, and the report accepted.

Adams School.

The committee on the Adams School, in their report, recommended that a female teacher be appointed in the boys apartment & also stated that Miss Mary B. Symmes resigned her place as an assistant, on the 8th of April, & on the 15th Miss Sarah E. Weld was appointed in her stead. Which appointment was confirmed, & the report of the committee accepted.

The committee on the Wells School 21
in their report, recommended the appointment of Miss Louisa Wells
Sweeton as a teacher in the place of Miss Charlotte Boutton, resigned. School.
Read and accepted, and the appointment was made accordingly.

The committee on the Hawes school, in Hawes
their report recommended, that the services of a female teacher should School
be immediately secured. Report read and accepted.

The committee on the Johnson School Johnson
among other things reported, as follows viz: "By the rules of the School
School committee this school is entitled to the services of two male
ushers. At present it has but one. The principal of the school re-
quested of the sub committee that instead of the other usher to
which the school was entitled, he might be allowed another fe-
male assistant. The sub committee deeming it to be both for
the interest of the school and the city have given their con-
sent to the arrangement, provided it may receive the sanction
of this board" Report read and accepted.

All the quarterly reports were accepted Mayhew
except that of the Mayhew School, which was laid on the
table.

The Rev. Mr. Stow, Dr. Leach & Doctor East Boston
Palmer were appointed a sub committee of the school at East School
Boston, said committee was instructed to examine said school, &
to report a name for the same.

The com^{ee} appointed to apportion the teachers among Teachers
the several schools according to the number of pupils in each, made a report, which
was read & laid upon the table.

Books

The report of the committee on books to whom was referred a communication of Nathaniel K. Lombard, Jr. respecting an apparatus which he has invented for the purpose of preserving & exhibiting maps, charts, prints &c. That one be purchased for each grammar school - was taken up, and after debate upon the question of acceptance of said report it was decided in the negative.

Eustis

Corporal punish^t

The committee to whom was referred the petition of J. Eustis, father - reported a resolve, declaring, that in their opinion, the practice of corporal punishment in the schools for girls is useless, may, in many cases be decided injurious, failing to secure the permanent object of punishment frequently even its temporary end. Which report was read, and upon the question of the acceptance of said report, it was decided in the negative.

Seabury

Petition of Benjamin Seabury, for leave to send to the Mayhew School, a boy who is fourteen years, and six months old. Referred to the sub-committee of said school.

Parker & Smith

Resolved, that Parker's Philosophy, & Smith's Geography & Atlas be referred to the committee on books.

East Boston Schs.

Ordered, that Messrs. Light, Robinson and Emerson, be a committee to consider and report what salaries shall be granted to the instructors of the school at East Boston.

Schools -

Pupils in

Resolved, that it be recommended to the instructors of the public schools to restore in their respective schools, the practices, only until of late years discontinued, of the pupils rising

upon the entrance and departure of the committee, and of strangers.

23.

Resolved, that it be strictly enjoined, Corporal punishment upon the several instructors of the public schools never to make use of corporal punishment until every other means of influencing the pupil shall have failed; and that in all cases wherein it shall become absolutely necessary special pains shall be taken to ^{inure} surround it with such circumstances of solemnity that it may operate upon the minds of the other pupils in the strongest possible manner, as a means of diminishing its frequency.

Ordered, that the Secretary send to the instructors of the several schools, copies of the two last Resolutions.

Ordered, that Messrs Davis, Wigglesworth Grammar and Haguer, be a committee, to visit the several grammar schools and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught there in, in order to ascertain the condition of those schools, and to report previous to the ^{annual} election of the instructors, that the appointments of board on that occasion may be judiciously made.

* Mr. Austin was appointed in place of Mr. Haguer, who has left the City.

Ordered, that Messrs Bartlett, Conolly, Writing and Hale, be a committee, to visit and examine the pupils in all the branches taught in the writing schools, and report at the time and for the purpose above expressed.

Ordered, that Messrs Davis, Mariett and Adams, Gay, be a committee to consider and report upon the expediency of a new regulation of the schools, so far as to make the Adams School a school for boys only, and the Roylston School, for girls only, & to equalize the pupils among the above schools and the Winthrop school.

Boylston & Winthrop - Schools.

Voted,

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Voted, that this meeting, be adjourned to meet at this place on Tuesday, the twenty third day of May, instant, at four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's City Hall on Tuesday, the twenty third day of May, A. D. 1837.

Present -

The Chairman - Messrs Stow, Robinson, Leach, Palmer, Parkman, Uague, Emerson, Bartlett, Barrett, Gay, Young, Austin, Perry, Hale, Field and Conolly.

School com. new member

Doctor Bartlett, was appointed on the several sub-committees of the English High School, and the Wells School.

East Boston

School name.

Lyman School.

The committee appointed to visit the school at East Boston, and report a name for the same, among other things reported, "That as a token of respect to a man whose public duties as Mayor were universally acceptable to his fellow citizens - whose interest in the public schools in an especial manner was proved by his faithful performance of the duties of a school committee man, even while the chief magistrate of the city, & by an honorable notice of our public schools and of the importance of public education in his inaugurals and elsewhere; - and whose urbanity, impartiality and tact, displayed in presiding over the

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regions of this board, were most grateful to every individual then constituting the same: For these reasons, your committee suggest that this school be named the Lyman School."

Read and accepted.

The committee on books, to whom was referred the subject of the introduction of Parker's Natural Philosophy, and Smith's Geography into the public schools of this City, beg leave to report: That as far as they have proceeded with the examination of this work, they are pleased with its general character, and regard it as better adapted to the wants of our schools, than any book now in use. The present edition however is very imperfect and will need many important corrections. Still they would venture to say, that if they shall see as good reason to be pleased with the remainder of the work which they have not examined as they are with the parts to which their attention has been particularly directed, they will cordially recommend its adoption, on the terms proposed by the publisher, in case a new and corrected edition shall be presented. In reference to this work therefore, the committee would ask for further time. In regard to the introduction of a new geography into our schools, the committee do propose some sort of a change.

In behalf of the com^{ee} Wm. H. Hague, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

The committee appointed on the 14th of February, to apportion the teachers among the several schools according to the number of pupils in each, beg leave respectfully to report: That the original constitution of the public schools as it existed for many years, allowed a master and an usher to each department of grammar and writing, without regard to the number of pupils.

pupils in each department. When the sexes were in a measure separated, and independent schools established for each sex, three female assistants were substituted for the usher in all the girls' schools. & more recently, in some instances, they have also taken the place of the usher in the boys' schools.

It appears, however, from the last semi annual return, presented in February, that there is considerable inequality in the several schools in the proportionment of teachers to the number of pupils, & great deviations from the printed regulations. Thus the Mayhew and Franklin schools have each a female assistant in addition to the teachers allowed to those schools by the regulations, and the Eliot school has two female assistants besides those allowed. The Mayhew & the Franklin are the two smallest of the schools in the old system. The Mayhew has only 388 pupils, & the Franklin 396, whilst the Hancock, the largest school in the City, with 545 pupils, has but six assistants, which by the regulations are considered equal to two ushers.

Your committee are of opinion, that this inequality ought to be obviated, and a uniform system be adopted and adhered to, in which the number of teachers should bear a proportion to the number of pupils. They conceive that as the boys schools are more difficult to be managed and instructed than the girls' schools, containing an equal number of pupils, a female assistant should be allowed to each department of the boys' schools. As it is now, in those schools where there is only a master, and an usher, the lowest division can receive but very little attention. Now the fact is, that they need more attention than any other part of the school. They must be continually exercised and drilled, in order to be qualified to reap the fullness of the advantages offered in the higher divisions. Your committee therefore are of opinion, that in each department of 300 boys, there should

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should be a master, an usher, and a female assistant; and in each department of 200 girls, a master and three female assistants; & that in both the boys' and girls' schools, an additional assistant should be allowed for every 50 pupils over 200, and when the number of pupils falls below 200, an assistant should ^{be} subtracted for every 50 short of 200. This apportionment should be based upon the semi annual returns, and it should be the duty of the secretary to make semi annually an abstract of these returns and present a schedule to this board, showing the number of assistants teachers to which each school is entitled. They therefore recommend that the following resolutions be adopted. All which is respectfully submitted for the committee. Alex. J. Young.

The foregoing report was made at the last meeting of this board, and laid on the table for consideration, agreeably to the rules of this board. And now after discussion said report was accepted, and the resolutions reported by the committee were amended and passed in manner following, viz.

Resolved, that section 1st of chapter 3.^d Eliot, Mayhew, on page 13, be amended so as to read as follows. In the Eliot, Hancock, Bowdoin and Mayhew Schools there shall be a master, an usher, and a female assistant in each department of grammar and writing. Boylston, Adams, Franklin, Wells, Ames.
In the Hancock and Bowdoin schools, there shall be a master and three female assistants in each department. In the Boylston, Adams, Franklin and Wells schools, there shall be a master and three female assistants in the girls department, and a master, usher & female assistant in the boys department; and where there is no usher, there shall be three female assistants. In the Ames School there shall be a master and two female assistants in the girls department, and a master and usher in the boys department, or in place of an usher, three female assistants. In the Smith school there shall be

a master, and a female assistant.

Resolved, that section 2^d of chapter 14th on page 16. be amended, so as to read as follows. "In each of these two schools there shall be five instructors, viz. an usher and four female teachers.

Resolved, that in all the schools an additional female assistant shall be allowed for every 50 pupils over 200, and where the number of pupils falls below that sum, an assistant shall be subtracted for every 50 short of 200.

Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the Secretary, at the regular quarterly meetings in February and August, to present to this board an abstract of the semi annual returns from all the grammar and writing schools, and a schedule showing the number of teachers actually belonging to each school, and the number to which it is entitled according to the previous resolve.

Resolved, that whenever any usher's place may become vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of two female teachers, in place of the usher, if the master shall require it, and the sub-committee approve, excepting in the Johnson, Eliot, and Winthrop Schools.

Smith School.

Communication from Abner Forbes, master of the Smith^{School}, respecting a Philosophical School apparatus, which he has provided at a cost of \$400, for the benefit of the pupils of said school, which sum was obtained for that purpose by subscription; that he has made a closet and other fixtures, for the purpose of placing the same, at a further expense of \$25. He further states it to be his wish, that the School committee would refund from the Smith fund, or ^{such} other sources as they may see fit, the money paid for the fixtures, & likewise that the board would grant an additional sum to the \$25, as shall make it equal to the sum appropriated by the City, for a single set of apparatus.

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that has been provided for the other grammar schools in the city. -
He further stated that the school is in need of a set of mechanicals. Read and thereupon voted, that twenty five dollars be allowed for the expense of the closed fixtures, and that the remainder be laid upon the table.

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The committee to whom was referred the subject of considering whether it would be expedient to have girls only to attend the ~~Boylston School~~ and the Adams School, beg leave to report, that in the opinion of the committee it is not expedient to make that arrangement, as the evil of not having the number of scholars more equal in the Boylston, Adams and the Winthrop schools would be remedied only in a slight degree by such a disposition of the scholars. Respectfully submitted.

Boylston & Adams
Schools

Martin Gay, for the committee.

Read and accepted.

The sub committee of the Bowdoin School Report, that, owing to indisposition Mr. James Robinson, writing master of said school is at present unable to perform the duties of his office. The sub committee have therefore employed Mr. Benjamin Drew, as a temporary substitute, and have promised Mr. Drew, a compensation at the rate of fifty dollars per month.

Bowdoin
School

For the committee. F. Emerson.

Read, accepted, & thereupon ordered, that the act of the sub committee in employing Mr. Benjamin Drew, to supply the place of Mr. James Robinson, in the Bowdoin School be approved by this board.

Susan B. Cook was nominated & appointed an assistant teacher of the Hawes School.

Hawes School

- Rules -

motion to amend.

Motion to amend the rules as follows viz:

Chap. 1. Sect. 4. pages 5, after the word "awarded" in 20th line, add, "Provided, that the numbers of candidates for medals shall equal three times the number of medals to be given out in any one school." Read and laid upon the table.

Manicunk School.

Ordered, that the Masters of the Manicunk School have permission to use the ward room in the basement story of that School house, for purposes of education.

Mayhew School.

The quarterly report of the sub-committee of Mayhew School made at the last meeting, among other things contained the following, viz: That they did in concurrence with the wishes of the writing master, appoint Miss Mary Wheeler to be an additional instructor in his department. She entered the School the 7th of February. At the next quarterly meeting which occurred a few days after, the sub-committee requested that this appointment might be confirmed. Which request was not granted. The young lady has continued in the school to the present time, & experience has proved, that her services were needed & are valuable. The sub-committee would therefore again nominate her to this board, & request that her appointment may be confirmed from the time at which she entered the School.

They request, that they may be authorized to employ two female teachers in the place of the usher in the writing department of the said school, resigned. The said report was laid on the table at the last meeting. The same being taken up at this time and considered, was accepted, and Misses Silvester & Tompkins, were nominated and appointed assistant teachers in said school accordingly.

The quarterly report of the sub-committee of the Adams School, made at the meeting in February last, and was then laid on the table. Said report contained a recommendation that a female assistant be granted to the boys department in said School. Said report being now taken up, and accepted.

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Adams School

The meeting was then dissolved.

Attest,

S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the twentieth day of June, A. 1837.

Present

The Chairman, Messrs. Marott, Robinson, Light, Emerson, Bartlett, Barrett, Lothrop, Davis, Smith, and Field.

There not being a quorum present to do business the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday next, four o'clock P. M.

Quorum not present.

Attest,

S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty seventh day of June, Anno Domini, 1837.

Present - The Chairman - Messrs Stow, Robinson, Leach, Palmer, Light, Parkman, Bullett, Rogers, Wigglesworth, Barrett, Cuthrop, Smith, Gay, Young, Austin, and Field.

Secretary pro tem.

The Secretary being absent, William Hayden, Junior, was chosen Secretary pro tempore.

Symon School

Master's salary.

Mr. Light from the committee, appointed to fix the salary of the Master of the Symon School, reported that one thousand dollars a year will be a fair compensation to the teacher of said school. Read and accepted.

Hawes School

Assistant teacher.

The vote by which Miss Susan B. Cook was appointed assistant teacher of the Hawes school, was reconsidered, and the nomination was laid on the table.

New School house

Ordered, that the Rev. Mr. Stow, Rev. Doct Parkman, and Doctor Palmer, be a committee to consider the expediency of applying to the City Council for a new school house for the accommodation of the northern wards of the City.

Rules amended

modals.

The motion to amend the rules of this board which was offered at the meeting held the 23rd ultimo was considered and adopted as follows viz: Chap: 1. Sec. 4. page 5, after the word "awarded" in 20th line, add "Provided, that the number of candidates for modals shall equal three times

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the number of medals to be given out in any one school." 33.

The Rev. Mr. Hague having left the City, Mr. Austin was appointed in his place, on the committee for examining the grammar schools.

Grammar schools
Come to examine

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

— W^m Hayden Jr — Sec^y, pro tem.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, ^{held} at the Mayor & Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the eighth day of August, Anno Domini, 1837.

Present —

The Chairman — Mess^{rs} Stow, Robinson, Palmer, Light, Parkman, Emerson, Bartlett, Rogers, Wigglesworth, Barrett, Davis, Smith, Gay, Austin, Perry, Field, & Conolly.

The Secretary laid upon the table an abstract of the semi annual returns from the grammar and writing schools, containing the number of pupils & instructors.

Semi annual returns
abstract.

Semi annual returns were received from the masters of all the Schools —

Semi annual returns

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees of all the schools except the Mayhew School. The report of the Latin School was read and recommended.

Quarterly reports.

Eliot School.

The sub committee of the Eliot School among other things reported, that by the transfer of Miss Horton to the Hancock School, a vacancy has occurred in the writing department, which the committee request the board to supply, by the appointment of Miss Caroline W. Carter. Accepted and said nomination was confirmed.

Hancock School.

The sub committee of the Hancock School among other things reported, that they nominate Miss Angelina A. Brigham for an additional assistant teacher. Also Miss Elizabeth Horton vice Miss Amanda S. Forbes resigned. Accepted said nominations were confirmed.

Boylston School.

The sub committee of the Boylston School among other things reported, that the writing master has been absent on account of sickness, during the last two weeks preceeding the last vacation, and during the whole of the present term to this time. Mr. Henry Seaver has instructed in that department during the absence of Mr. Wheeler.
Reports accepted.

Adams School.

The sub committee of the Adams School among other things reported, that Miss Elizabeth M. Emerson, was appointed an assistant in the boys' department on the 26th of May, and on the 17th July Miss Mary S. Barker was appointed to fill the vacancy in the girls' department occasioned by the resignation of Miss Chandler on the 14th of the same month. Accepted, and the above nominations were confirmed.

Wells School.

The sub committee of the Wells School

among other things reported, that Miss Louisa B. Braid having left the school, it became necessary for the sub committee to appoint some one ad interim, and they accordingly appointed Sarah Moores, they now nominate her as permanent assistant. Accepted, and said nomination was confirmed. 35.

The sub committee of the Hawes school. Hawes school.
among other things reported, that since the last report, Miss Susan B. Cook has been appointed to the office of female assistant, in the boys department, the number of boys being over 200, and requiring such additional teacher, and her appointment is now presented for confirmation. On the first of August Miss Sophia Este resigned, her office of teacher in the female department, and Miss Louisa B. Braid was with the entire approbation of the masters of the masters appointed in her place. Her appointment is now presented for confirmation by this board. Accepted and said nominations were confirmed.

The sub committee of the Winthrop Winthrop school
School among other things, reported, that the number of scholars in the school at the present time is only 195, and probably will not for some time much increase, they have concurred with the principal of the school in the propriety of dispensing with the services of an usher; the present usher being about to resign, and in the expediency of bringing all the scholars into one room. This arrangement it is understood will commence the ensuing September at the beginning of the new school year.
Read & accepted.

The sub committee of the Lyman School Lyman school.
among other things reported; that when this school was established it was ordered by the city council, that when the number of pupils
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in actual attendance should exceed sixty, the master should be entitled to an assistant. The whole number belonging to the school is seventy eight. The average attendance has for some weeks exceeded sixty. The committee therefore recommend the appointment of a female assistant, and for this purpose nominate Miss Mary Atterton. Accepted, and said nomination was confirmed.

Reports accepted

The reports of the sub committees of the Latin, Bowdoin, Rev. Adams, Franklin, Johnson and Smith schools were accepted.

Mayhew School

sub com^{ee}

Mr. Light was nominated & appointed on the sub committee of the Mayhew School, in place of the Rev. Mr. Hague, who has removed from the City.

Grammar Schools

Report.

The committee appointed to visit the several grammar schools and critically to examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of those schools, and to report previous to the annual election of the instructors, that the appointments of the board on that occasion may be judiciously made - Reported at large, as on file. Which report was read and accepted.

Writing Schools

Report.

The committee appointed to visit the several writing schools, and examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of those schools, and to report as above - Reported at large, as on file. Which report was read and accepted.

Rules - motion to amend.

A motion was made to amend the rules, so as to provide, that in those schools where there are two masters, that

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all the ushers be dismissed. Which motion was laid on the table.

37.

Petitions of the sub masters of the Latin and English High Schools, and the usher of the latter school, that their salaries may be raised. Read and referred to Messrs Field, Emerson and Davis, who were instructed to consider and report upon the salaries of all the instructors of the several schools.

Latin & English High
Schools -
Salaries of sub-
masters & usher.

Ordered, that the sub-committees of the several schools, state in their next quarterly reports, the number of pupils that may present themselves as candidates for the medals to be given out at the exhibition occurring the present month; also the number of medals presented.

Medals - candidates
to be reported.

Ordered, that the sub-committee of the Lyman School be authorized to award two medals, one to each sex in said school.

Lyman School
medals.

A return of the Schools which is required to be made to the Secretary's office, agreeably to law, was made out and signed by a majority of the School committee, and the oath required by law was administered to them by Samuel F. M. Coleary, a Justice of the peace for the County of Suffolk. And thereupon ordered, that the return so made and certified be returned to the Secretary of State's office, pursuant to the statute in that case made and provided.

School return

The committee appointed to consider the expediency of applying to the City Council, for a new school house, for the accommodation of the northern wards

New School House.
Report.

of

of the City, have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully submit the result of their investigations.

The number of pupils belonging to the Hancock School is about 600; average attendance, 500; the two rooms can seat only 448. About fifty are separated from the body of the School, and imperfectly accommodated in the ward room beneath, where they are allowed the services of one assistant teacher.

The whole number of pupils in the Eliot School is 423; average attendance 375; the rooms can seat 402.

The whole number enrolled in the two schools is 1023, average attendance 875;— Both schools can accommodate 850, or 25 less than the average attendance.

The excess therefore, to be provided for is not large, & the committee are of opinion that it will not for several years be very much increased. Consequently, they are not prepared to recommend the establishment of a new School.

Their attention was next turned to the question whether an arrangement could be made to accommodate this excess in the schools already existing. It cannot be done in the Hancock School, which now has a surplus of fifty, notwithstanding that forty or more have ~~already~~ recently been transferred to the Bowdoin School. Nor can it be done in the Eliot School, which receives only boys, and is also nearly or quite full.

In proposing a measure which appears to the committee as both feasible and desirable, they solicit from the board a candid consideration of the following facts:—

The building occupied by the Eliot School, is in almost every respect inconvenient. However well it may have answered the purposes to which it was devoted many years ago, it is every way inferior to the school houses which have since been erected,

erected, and of which both teachers and pupils are now 39.
receiving the benefit. It is not sufficiently spacious, even for
the comfortable accommodation of the present number of pupils.
The forms besides being too narrow, are crowded too closely
together; and the seats which are nearly oval stools, with
out backs, are quite too contracted. The space in front of
the forms, occupied by the teachers should be at least four
feet wider, and the aisles are all considerably too narrow.
The building is not sufficiently elevated, the floor of the lower
room being nearly on a level with the street, and therefore, as it
has a street at each end, much incommoded by noise. This fact
also renders the rooms excessively warm in Summer, and in cloudy
weather the lower room is so dark as to make it very incon-
venient for the pupils to write. The rooms cannot be well
ventilated; and the ceiling is so low as not to allow the
presence of a volume of air sufficient for health & comfort.
It is often necessary in the coldest weather to open the win-
dows for the admission of the external air, thus exposing the
health of both instructors and scholars. The building contains
no ante room for the safe depositing of hats, umbrellas & outer
garments. If left in the entry, which beside being too small,
for the purpose, is open to the street, they are liable to be
pinched, as in several instances has been the case. If, as
is now done, they are taken within the school rooms, great
inconvenience in several particulars is the result, especially when
such articles are wet.

These considerations, together with others, of a still
more unpleasant character which would be obvious to any one
examining the premises, induce the Committee to give utter-
ance to their decided opinion that a new house should be erected
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for the accommodation of the Eliot school. If this were done, it might be of such a construction and capacity as would meet, at least for the present, the necessities of the three northern wards. The committee are informed that land sufficient for the proposed enlargement can now be procured on reasonable terms. Should the lots adjoining pass into other hands, and building more than one story be erected thereon, the lower room of the present school house would be rendered unfit for use. The committee are also informed that the citizens of ward one, if a new school house should be erected within their limits, will petition that a ward room may be constructed in the basement story.

The committee therefore respectfully propose the following order:—

1. Ordered, That application be made immediately to the City Council for a new school house, for the accommodation of the Eliot School.

Eliot & Hancock
Schools.

2. That in case the request be granted, the Eliot & Hancock Schools after the completion of the new house, shall be now organized, and both be for boys and girls.

In behalf of the committee. B. Stow, Chairman.

Read, accepted and the ^{first} order, passed, & the second was laid on the table.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned, to meet

at this place, on Tuesday next, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest

E. M. Cleary,

(Secretary.)

Voted, that Messrs. Barrett, Perry & Smith, be a comtee to consider & report upon the expediency of removal of E. High Sch. to y. Adams Sch. h. & of making alterations in the schools.

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At a meeting of the School com-
mittee of the City of Boston held at the Mayor & Aldermen's
room, City Hall, on Tuesday the fifteenth day of August, D. 1837.

Present-

Samuel A. Eliot, Mayor, Chairman.

Mess^{rs} Mariett, Stow, Robinson, Leach, Palmer, Light, Parkman, Em-
erson, Bartlett, Rogers, Barrett, Davis, Smith, Gay, Perry, Field,
and Conolly.

Voted, that the several sub-committees of the schools, be the committees to visit their respective schools, on the days of exhibition on Tuesday and Wednesday next, & deliver the medals. Sub com^{ees} to attend Exhibitions

The committee on the Latin School, to whom the quarterly report was recommitteed, are of the opinion that the sum of \$800 per annum ought to be allowed to the usher of said school, for the period during which he has filled that office. It may not be expedient that such an amount sh^d be fixed as the future salary, but as the circumstances attending the appointment of the present incumbent were peculiar, they think it should be allowed in this instance. Latin School

For the committee. Saml A. Eliot.

Read and accepted

The sub-committee of the Mayhew school made their quarterly report, which was read & accepted. Mayhew school.

The committee to whom was referred Salaries the subject of Salaries, made a report, which was read and not accepted. —

Voted, that the salaries of the Sub-
masters Sub masters of Latin & English High Sch.

12. masters of the Latin and English High Schools, be fifteen hundred dollars each per annum. And that of the Ushers of said schools and of the Johnson school, be seven hundred dollars each for the first year of their service and eight hundred dollars for each subsequent year. And the salaries of the masters and instructors in all the other schools be the same as they were the last year.

Schools Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of
master & instructors masters of all the schools and the votes being severally taken it
chosen. appeared that the following persons were chosen viz:

Latin School, Epes S. Dixwell.

English High " Solomon P. Miles.

Eliot School,	David B. Towor,	grammar master,	Levi Corant,	writing master.
Hancock "	William J. Adams,	"	Peter Mackintosh Jr.	"
Mayhew "	Moses W. Walker,	"	Aaron D. Capen	"
Bowdoin "	Abraham Andrews	"	James Robinson	"
Boylston "	Charles Fox	"		
Adams "	Samuel Barrett	"	Josiah Fairbank	"
Franklin "	Barnum Field	"		
Wells "	Cornelius Walker	"	John P. Lathrop	"
Howes "	Joseph Harrington Jr.	"	John A. Harris	"
Johnson "	Richard G. Parker.		Master.	
Winthrop "	Franklin Forbes		"	
Lyman "	Albert Bowker		"	
Smith "	Abner Forbes		"	

The following persons were nominated by the sub-committees of the several schools, who together with those appointed appointed at the last meeting, were confirmed, and they were accordingly elected for the ensuing year to the respective places hereinafter named viz: Latin Francis Gardner, sub master. Benjamin B. Appleton, Jr. Usher.

English

English High. Thomas Sherwin, sub-master, Calvin Farnar usher. 43.

Francis M. J. Surault, teacher of French. Jonathan Snelling, teacher of writing in the Latin and English High Schools.

Eliot. Jacob W. Kent, usher. Emerson, F. Carter, usher. Sarah E. White, and Caroline W. Carter, assistants.

Mancock. Adeline Howe, Mary Ann Pierce, Adelaide A. Jones, Laura Stevens, Delia C. Gould, Angelina A. Brigham, & Elizabeth Morton, assistants.

Mayhew. Paul W. Sweetser, usher. Mary J. Walker, Mary Wheeler, Sarah C. Fernald and Emeline Tileston, assistants.

Bowdoin. Mary A. Murdock, Elizabeth Lincoln, Leostino Lincoln, Frances M. Robinson, Sarah B. Jepson and Mary S. Robinson, assistants.

Boulton. Matilda Oliver, E. A. J. Fitzpatrick, Susan Hunt, Margaret L. Emory, Myra Hunt and Harriet E. Emory, assistants.

Winthrop. Abby A. S. Walker, Nancy Brooks & Eliza L. Felt, assistants.

Johnson. Justin Field, Jr. usher. Rebecca P. Barry, Elizabeth S. Towne, Lydia Towne and Mary E. Lottling, assistants. Charles E. H. Richardson, teacher of writing in the Winthrop and Johnson Schools.

Adams. George Allen, Jr. usher. Mary E. Swift, Sarah E. Weld, Elizabeth M. Emerson, and Mary S. Barker, assistants.

Franklin. Margt. Mann, Abba Ann Curtis, Harriet P. Field, Hannah S. Tirrell, assistants.

Wells. Matilda Gerry, Hannah J. Woodman, Sarah Otis, Sarah A. Davis, Louisa Sweetser and Sarah Moores, assistants.

Mauve. Jonathan Battles, Jr. usher. Sarah P. Sprague, Louisa B. Braid and Susan B. Cook, assistants.

Lynn. Mary Therton, assistant. Smith. Sarah Forbes, assistant.

The subject of filling the vacancies in the Franklin and Franklin & Boylston Schools was postponed to the next meeting.

Adjourned to Thursday, 24th instant, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Attest, G. M. Colony, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Thursday the twenty fourth day of August, Anno Domini, 1837.

Present.

The Chairman: Messrs. Maret, Robinson, Macomber, Leach, Palmer, Light, Parkman, Emerson, Bartlett, Rogers, Barrett, Davis, Smith, Gay, Perry, Field and Conolly.

Philosophical app.

Voted, That all the schools for boys be furnished with Philosophical apparatus, with the exception of the Lyman and Smith schools.

Boston Academy of

Music

The select committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Boston Academy of Music together with two petitions signed by sundry respectable citizens, praying that instruction in vocal music may be introduced into the public schools of this City - made a report in favour of such introduction; which report was ^{read &} laid on the table, and three hundred copies ordered to be printed, and that each member of this committee, and also each member of the City Council be furnished with a copy.

Franklin & Boylston

Schools

Voted, That the Secretary notify the present incumbents in the offices of writing masters in the Franklin and Boylston schools and also the usher in the former school, that they were not re-elected.

Masters salaries.

Voted, That the current quarter's salary be allowed and paid to the above mentioned incumbents.

Secretary to advertise

Voted, That the Secretary advertise that ~~from~~

proceeds

applications will be received during the present month of 45.
August, for the office of master of the Writing departments of
the Franklin and Boylston schools.

Resolved, That in consideration of the evils which pleasure excursions
may result from such public recreations or amusements, the Instructors
of the public schools be required to discourage all pleasure excursions
among the pupils as a body, and to refrain from accompanying
them on such occasions.

Resolved, That the instructors of the public Medals
schools be prohibited from awarding medals to the pupils under
their charges in those schools.

Noted, That the Secretary furnish each
Instructor with a copy of the foregoing resolves.

Ordered, that Messrs Davis and Emerson, be Medals.
a committee to consider and report some scheme or plan in the
bestowment of medals

Application of Francis S. Williams, for the office Master Latin sch.
of master in the Latin School. Ref^d to the sub-com^{tee} of that school.

The second order in the report of the com^{tee} New School house
appointed to consider the expediency of applying to the City Council
for a new school house, for the accommodation of the northern wards
of the City - was called up, and indefinitely postponed.

Communication from Edward Wigglesworth, Esq. Boylston school
one of the sub-committee of the Boylston school, respecting the re-
port of the committee respecting the grammar department of P. School.
Read & filed.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place, on Thursday, the ~~eighth~~ seventh day of September, next, four o'clock, p. m.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Thursday, the seventh day of September, Anno Domini, 1837.

Present-

The Chairman. Messrs. Maret, Robinson, Macomber, Leach, Palmer, Light, Parkman, Emerson, Bartlett, Rogers, Barrett, Davis, Smith, Gay, Austin, Perry, Hale, Field & Leonolly.

Parker's Progressive
exercises.

Ordered, that the committee on books be instructed to inquire into the expediency of introducing into the public grammar schools, as a required text book, in the place of and as a substitute for the National reader, "Parker's Progressive exercises in Rhetorical Reading."

Boylston school
Master

Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of writing master of the Boylston School, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Aaron B. Hoyt was chosen.

Franklin school

Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of writing master of the Franklin School, and the votes being taken, it appeared that no choice was made, no one having a majority of votes.

Resolved, That Otis Pierce, be
requested to act as writing master of the Franklin school,
until the further orders of this board.

47.

Ordered, That Messrs Conolly, Perry, Austin, Young, Wigglesworth and Palmer, be a committee to examine and report the state of the Franklin School.

The meeting was then adjourned.
Attest,

(Attest) Secretary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of September, Anno Domini, 1837.

Present.

The Chairman, Messrs Marrett, How, Robinson, Seach, Emerson, Bartlett, Rogers, Wigglesworth, Barrett, Lathrop, Davis, Gay, Young, Austin, Perry, Field and Conolly.

The board took into consideration the report of the select committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Academy of Music, together with two petitions signed by sundry respectable citizens, praying that instruction in vocal music may be introduced into the public schools of this city. Which report was accepted, and the following resolves were passed, viz:

Academy of Music

Vocal music.
in the
Schools.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the School committee, it is expedient to try the experiment of introducing vocal music, by public authority, as part of the system of public instruction, into the public schools of this city.

Resolved, That the experiment be tried in the four following schools, the Hancock school, for girls, in Hanover street; the Eliot school, for boys, in North Bennet street; the Johnson school, for girls, in Washington street; and the Mawes school for boys and girls, at South Boston.

Resolved, That this experiment be given in charge to the Boston Academy of Music, under the direction of this board, and that a committee of five be appointed from this board to confer with the Academy, arrange all necessary details of the plan, oversee its operation, and make quarterly reports thereof to this board.

Resolved, That the experiment be commenced as soon as practicable after the passing of these resolutions, and be continued and extended as the board hereafter may determine.

Resolved, That these resolutions be transmitted to the City Council, and that they be respectfully requested to make such appropriation as may be necessary to carry this plan into effect.

Ordered, That the Chairman, Messrs. Field, Perry, Davis and Lathrop be a committee to consider and report a detailed plan before its introduction into the schools.

Music - com^{ee} on
Plan of
Introduction

Latin School

Master

Edward Appleton was nominated by the sub-committee of Latin School, as master of said school, which nomination was confirmed, and he was appointed accordingly, in place of Benjamin B. Appleton, Junior, resigned.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. H. McLeary,

Secretary.

49.

At a quarterly meeting of the
School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on
Tuesday, the fourteenth day of November, Anno Domini, 1837.

Present—

The Chairman—Messrs. Stow, Robinson, Leach, Palmer, Light,
Parkman, Emerson, Bartlett, Rogers, Wigglesworth, Barrett, Lotthrop,
Davis, Smith, Gay, Young, Austin, Perry, Hale, Field, Hoonolly.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees Quarterly reports
of all the schools, which were read, ^{accepted} except the following.

The sub-committee of the English High School, Eng. High Sch.
among other things reported, "Since the last quarterly meeting of the
board, Mr. Calvin Farrar has resigned, his situation as usher, &
Mr. Francis S. Williams is nominated to supply his place."

Report read and accepted, and said nomination^{was} confirmed
and said Williams was appointed accordingly.

The sub-committee of the Hancock School Hancock
among other things reported, "In consequence of the utter in-
sufficiency of the Geography and Atlas at present used as an ac-
companiment to the study of History, the sub-committee of this
school would recommend a slight alteration of the regulations:
e.g. That on page 15, line 14, the words "or Worcester's Geogra-
phy & Atlas" be inserted after the word Atlas as there printed.
This is intended to favor that portion of the 1st classes who are
engaged in the study of history."

The sub-committee of the Franklin school nomi- Franklin
nated Miss Harriet M. Schapin & Miss Harriet W. Goodridge as teachers.

50. in the place of the late master, and Miss Sarah Ann Gale in the place of Miss Field who has resigned." Read & accepted, and said nominations were confirmed and they were appointed accordingly.

Wells School.

The sub-committee of the Wells School among other things reported that "Sarah A. Davis resigned her place as an assistant on the 1st of October, and Caroline Otis having been appointed in the interim to fill her place, is nominated for election. Since the last meeting of the board, the writing master of this school applied to the sub-committee for leave of absence for a limited time. The grounds of his request appearing reasonable, it was granted for three weeks, on condition that he should employ an acceptable substitute. By a letter within a few days he has resigned his office as writing master, and your committee in this connection take pleasure in saying, that Mr. Lathrop has been a faithful master, discharging his duties conscientiously for the public good, & acceptably to parents and pupils, for these and other considerations, it is recommended that his salary be continued to the end of the present quarter.

By the resignation of Mr. Lathrop, the duty devolved on this sub-committee, by the rules & regulations of the board, of making such changes in this school, as shall be necessary to adapt it to the system on which the Johnson and Winthrop schools are organized. The time which has elapsed since this resignation has not allowed your committee so far to complete the arrangements as to nominate to the board suitable instructors at this time, & they therefore now ask for authority to employ the requisite number, & to nominate them for election at the next meeting of the board.

Your committee would also ask that the Wells School may hereafter be kept for one sex only; but they omit doing it until the report of a select committee appointed at a late meeting to consider

consider and report certain changes in the schools, shall be acted upon." Report read and laid upon the table. 51.

The sub committee of the Hawes School nominated Miss Lucy Floyd, to be female assistant. Report read and accepted, except the nomination of additional assistant teacher. Hawes School.

The sub committee of the Johnson School among other things reported, that at the last exhibition of the schools, they awarded to two candidates for medals, a small volume of poems each. Which course it is hoped the board will sanction by directing the books to be paid for, by an appropriation for that purpose. Report read and accepted, except, ~~except~~ allowing the expense of said books, which part of the report was not accepted. Johnson sch.

The sub committee of the Smith School among other things reported, that they take the liberty to present to the board, the two accompanying documents - the one from the master of the Smith school; the other from a sub committee of the primary schools, for colored children; and in view of the contents of the said documents & moved by their own conviction ~~that~~ that, the measure therein suggested is a good one the sub committee of the Smith school recommend for adoption by the board, the following resolution. Smith - Sch.

Resolved, that one of the lower rooms of the Smith school house, heretofore occupied by a primary school be used as a place of instruction for children too old for the primary school, & not qualified to join any of the classes of the Smith School, and that the master of the Smith school take charge of the same, under the direction of the sub committee thereof. Report accepted, & resolve passed.

Music in the
Schools

Resolved, that in the opinion of the School committee it is expedient that the experiment be tried of introducing instruction in vocal music by public authority as part of the system of public instruction into the public schools of the City.

Resolved, that the experiment be tried in the Maues school in South Boston, under the direction of the sub-committee of that school, and the committee on the subject of music already appointed by this board.

Schools for females.

Voted, That the instructors of those public schools where the pupils are females be and they are hereby authorized to keep school, in case stormy days, until two o'clock, P. M. and to dispense with the afternoon attendance.

Voted, that the Secretary send to each instructor of the above mentioned schools, a copy of the foregoing vote.

Green & McGowan

Map of world.

Application of Greene & McGowan, that the school committee would purchase "a Map of the world" lately published by them. Referred to the committee on books.

English High Sch.

Master resigns

A communication was received from Solomon P. Miles, stating that in consequence of the precarious state of his health, he has been induced to resign his situation, as Master, of the English High School, at the close of December next. Read & filed.

Franklin School

A motion was made to proceed to the choice of a writing master of the Franklin School, which motion was laid on the table.

A motion was made to organize the Franklin School.

upon the same principles as the Johnson schools - ~~Which motion~~ 53.
still ~~remains~~ ~~undecided~~. Pending the discussion upon this subject, a
motion was made to adjourn. Which motion was sustained.

The comtee appointed for the purpose of examining the Franklin Sch.
condition of the writing department of the Franklin School, made a re-
port, which was read and accepted. See report page 57.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to
meet at this place, on tuesday, the 28th instant, four o'clock,
P. M.

Adjoined to that time and place accord-
ingly.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

The subscribers respectfully request the Mayor - Special meeting.
to call a special meeting of the School committee, on Wednesday
next. Boston, Nov. 16. 1837.

George Bartlett.

Marshall S. Perry

John J. Austin.

At a special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the twenty-second day of November, A. 1837.

Present

The Chairman—Messrs. Marrett, How, Robinson, Macomber, Leach, Palmer, Tipton, Parkman, Emerson, Bartlett, Rogers, Wigglesworth, Barrett, Lathrop, Davis, Gay, Young, Austin, Perry, Field and Scoville.

Franklin Sch. writ.

A letter was received from Otis Pierce resigning his office as master of the writing department of the Franklin School. Read & filed.

Master resigns.

English High Sch.
No.

The committee appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of removing the ^{English} High School to the Adams School house, and of making alterations in the Schools—made a report, which was read, and thereupon ordered, that two hundred copies be printed for the use of the members of this board, and that the subject be laid upon the table.

Franklin Sch.

Voted: That the Franklin School, be forthwith organized on the plan of the Johnson & Winthrop schools.

Ward No. 5
resolutions.

The following preamble & resolutions were presented by the committee therein named—viz:

At a meeting of the legal voters of ward 5, called by public notice and held at the ward room, Nov. 21. 1837, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted.

Whereas this meeting have learned that the school com^{tee} of this City have now under consideration a measure which proposes to change the organization of the Woll's School, to
abolish

abolish the writing department of said school, and to place the 55.
scholars in both rooms of the house under the superintendence of the
grammar master, - and which further proposes to send away from
the Wells school house to the school houses of the neighbouring
wards, all the scholars of one sex;

And whereas, this meeting would view such changes
in the organization of the schools to be at present, highly in-
expedient to the families who avail themselves of this school house.

Therefore - Resolved, 1.st That we have great confidence
in the wisdom and justice of our school board; but yet would
respectfully suggest, that the opinions of those upon whom their mea-
sures are to have a practical effect should be, at all times, duly
weighed, considered and respected by them.

Resolved, 2.nd That we have a just & honorable
pride in our common public schools and are happy to see adopted
into them, any and all the improvements which may be developed
in the progress of the science of education, still we wish to be
satisfied, that measures proposed, are improvements and not experi-
ments; - will benefit all the scholars, not a few only of the masters.

Resolved, 3.rd That we are content that the
experiment of the new system, as it is called, should be fully
tried in the schools in which it has been already introduced, the
Winthrop & Johnson schools; and we are willing to abide by the
fair results of the experiment; - but we are not convinced that the
experiment has yet been fully tried in those schools, nor are we satis-
fied that the results of the trial thus far have been beneficial.

Resolved, 4.th That we can find no reasons to
justify the removal of our children from the Wells school house,
to the school houses of the other wards; - nor can we see any good
reason for the change, but we do find in it much disadvantage &
inconvenience.

Res -

Resolved 5th That John C. Park, John Hewes, Calvin Washburn, John Hall, Elijah Cobb, George Leno, and William Denton, be a committee to have these resolutions inserted in the papers of the day, and also respectfully to present them to the school board, for their consideration. M^r. Rountstone

Ellis B. Green, Secy. Read & laid upon the table also the report of the committee upon the Wells school.

Franklin School

Upon passing the vote to organize the Franklin School, on the plan of the Johnson and Winthrop schools the yeas and nays being required, were taken as follows viz:

Yeas & Nays.

Yeas - Mess^{rs} Maret, Parkman, Bartlett, Rogers, Higginson, Barrett, Lathrop, Gay, Young, Austin, Perry, and Field. 12.

Nays - Mess^{rs} Stow, Robinson, Macomber, Leach, Palmer, Emerson, and Conolly. 8. So the same passed.

Rules motion to amend.

M^r. Emerson made the following motion, which was read and laid upon the table - viz:

Resolved, That the fifth paragraph of the fourth Chapter of the regulations of this board be suspended during the remainder of the current year.

Lorcker & Brewster.

Latin grammar

Communication from Lorcker & Brewster recommending the Latin grammar of Andrews and Moddard, the third edition of which they have recently published. Referred to the committee on books.

Paley's moral Phil.

Ordered, That the committee on books be instructed to consider the expediency of substituting in the course of study and instruction, in the English high school, some other work, in moral Philosophy, as a ~~suitable~~ substitute for Paley's.

Communication from the masters of the several 57.

grammar schools, stating, that accusations have been brought against Grammar masters some one or more of them, that they have been influenced by pecuniary motives, in procuring the appointment of the subordinate teachers; and praying that a committee be appointed to investigate the subject. Read and referred to Messrs. Perry, Connolly, Wigglesworth, Bartlett and Stow.

The committee appointed for the purpose of examining the condition of the writing department of the Franklin School, writing dept. having attended to that ~~school~~ duty, present the following Report,

Your committee attended the school on the afternoons of Thursday & Friday 19 & 20 of October, the female branch occupying their attention on Thursday the male on Friday. Your committee found the school in some respects under a different system in the administration of its discipline and instruction from what it was when visited in June by the annual examining committee. This difference consisted in the substitution of two female assistants, in the place of an usher. And tho' the committee would by no means charge the usher with inefficiency, or say the school has suffered thro' him, they feel however assured, that such a change has had a good effect upon the school. But tho' something has been gained in improved discipline, still far more remains yet to be done. In both male & female divisions the committee noticed with much regret a continual whispering, accompanied with an agitation & restlessness which evinced a perfect disregard for the good order of the school. Either from its being an habitual failing in the character of the school, or from want of influence sufficient for its suppression, it appeared unnoticed by the principal. The discipline and general order of school, has received in the opinion of the committee some considerable attention from the master since the examination in June; but it has become so much

much reduced below the ordinary standard of discipline in the public schools, that it will require a vigorous effort on his part not only to raise it to a level with them, but also to retain that rank when he shall have reached it. Whether the present master of the writing department of the Franklin School, has energy sufficient for the task before him is not for your committee to say, time & trial only can determine that question. One thing is very certain, the progress of improvement ought not to stop where it now is, if it should, but little is gained. At best it is now only at a starting point for an equality with the other schools in the city.

Respecting the proficiency of the pupils, it may be observed, that only a short time had elapsed since the commencement of the school for the year, & consequently the extent of the studies was small. In both male & female parts of the school different sections evinced different degrees of accuracy & knowledge. Some seemed to be very happy in their ignorance of almost every thing they proposed to study. Some appeared commendable, & a very few gave satisfactory evidence of their knowledge & accuracy. But in the hitherto defective discipline, the committee believe they can distinctly trace the cause why no greater improvement has been made. The committee can attribute the defective state of the school only to two causes, either to a want of energy on the part of the principal, or to a want of respect for him & his authority, on the part of the pupils. If it arises from either of these causes, & the committee know of no others to which they can refer it, it would be hopeless to expect any further improvement under the administration of the present incumbent.

All which is respectfully submitted. U. L. Conolly.

The foregoing report was read and accepted Nov.

14. 1837. See page 53. —

Voted, That this meeting stand adjourn- 59.
ed, to meet at this place on Wednesday, the sixth day of
December, next, at four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest,

G. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of
the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the sixth
day of December, Anno Domini, 1837.

Present—

The Chairman Mess^{rs} Maret, Shaw, Robinson, Leach, Palmer,
Light, Parkman, Emerson, Bartlett, Rogers, Wigglesworth, Barrett,
Lottrop, Smith, Gay, Young, Austin, Perry, Field & Honolly.

The report of the committee recommen- Wells
ding the placing the Wells school, upon the same system as School.
the Johnson and Winthrop schools— was on motion taken up &
considered— The following order was proposed as an amend-
ment, viz: Ordered, That the Wells school be forthwith
organized on the "New system of Instruction."

Memorials of George Lane, and others; and James Dugan, Lane, Dugan
and others, respecting the alteration of said school, were read, Memorials
and laid upon the table— The question was taken upon
said last order, and it passed in the affirmative.

12 for, and 6 against.

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the grammar masters, complaining that injustice had been done them at a public meeting of the citizens of ward N^o. 5. as stated in their memorial preferred, at the last meeting of this board, reported in part as on file, and requesting further time to investigate the subject. Read and accepted.

English High Sch.
Master chosen. Voted, to proceed to the choice of Master of the English High School, in place of Solomon P. Miles, resigned, and the votes being taken it appeared that Thomas Sherwin was unanimously chosen, to commence on the first day of January next.

Eng. High School
on removing &
equalizing of grammar
schools. The board took into consideration, the report of the sub-committee, appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of removing the High School to the Adams school-house, and of making alterations in the schools. as printed & on file. Said committee reported, that in their opinion, it is not expedient to remove the High School to the Adams school house; and for the following reasons:—That the High School is well enough where it now is:—That, were the case otherwise, the Adams school house is not a suitable one for the High School:—That the Adams school is needed in its present location:—That a grammar school is not wanted at present, in the part of the City where the High School is situated:—And that the Hancock School, the crowded state of which prompted the board to the present inquiry, may be relieved of its supernumerary pupils without removing the High School, or doing any thing affecting the existence or locality of the Adams school.

The committee recommend the passing the following resolutions.
1. Resolved, That alterations be made in the Boylston, Wells.

Adams

Adams, and Franklin schools, so that the former two shall be schools 61.
exclusively for boys.

2. Resolved, That the ten grammar schools be equalized in respect to numbers, as nearly in accordance with the plan presented in the foregoing report, as circumstances will permit.

3. Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to carry the preceding resolutions into immediate effect.

Report accepted, and the resolutions passed. The committee who made the report was appointed to carry the same into effect.

Voted, that the rules and regulations of Rules
the School committee be amended as follows viz: Page 13, line amended.
14. the words "or Worcester's Geography and Atlas" be inserted
after the word Atlas as there printed.

A motion was made by Dr. Palmer, Mayhew
that the Mayhew School be so organized, that boys and girls School.
be admitted. Which motion was laid upon the table.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned,
to meet at this place, on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at
4 o'clock. P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest,

F. J. McLeary.

Secretary.

A meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the thirteenth day of December, Anno Domini, 1837.

Present:

The Chairman: Messrs. Marcet, Stow, Robinson, Macomber, Leach, Palmer, Emerson, Bartlett, Rogers, Wigglesworth, Barrett, Lathrop, Davis, Smith, Gay, Young, Austin, Perry, Hale, Field, Hanolly.

English High Sch.
Sub master
chosen.

The sub committee of the English High School nominated Nicholas Tillinghast, Esq. for the office of sub master of said school; which nomination was confirmed, and he was appointed accordingly, to commence on the first day of January, next.

Wells school
reorganized

The sub committee of the Wells School, reported that they have made the arrangements necessary for placing said school on the plan of organization of the Johnson and Winthrop Schools; they nominated for appointment, William T. Stratton, teacher of penmanship; and George Allen, Junior, for usher. Which nominations were confirmed, and they were severally appointed accordingly.

Green

Memorial of John Green, Junior, and others, re-monstrating against the separating of the sexes in the Franklin School. Read and laid on the table.

Winthrop Sch.
Master resigns.

The Chairman of the sub committee of the Winthrop School communicated a letter from the master of said school, nominating female instructors, also an usher - it also contained a resolution of the master to resign his office at the termination of the present month. Which was read and laid upon the table.

63.

Voted, that the subcommittee of the Winthrop school, together with Messrs Lathrop, Wigglesworth & Winthrop school Hale, be a committee to nominate to this board a master for said Com^e. to nominate school; and that said committee be authorized to advertise for applicants for said office.

Whereas, the recent separation of the Schools -
sexes in the public schools meets with some opposition in certain new arrangement sections of the City; and whereas in the opinion of the board, this measure is calculated to be of lasting and essential benefit both to the schools and the pupils individually; and whereas the causes which induced this separation, need only to be well understood to meet with approbation and acquiescence from all interested in or affected by it. — Therefore —

Resolved, that it is the duty of this board to take such steps for the diffusion of information concerning the motives and reasons of the change as may lead to a correct understanding of them, and enable the citizens of this community to view them in their proper aspect.

Resolved, that to effect this object His Honor the Chairman be requested to apply to the City Council to cause eight thousand copies of the report, introducing the subject to be printed, for general circulation.

Resolved, that His Honor the Chairman be farther requested to cause the same to be circulated as soon hereafter as may be practicable.

The committee on books, to whom was Books -
referred the application of Messrs Crocker, Brewster, that Andrews Latin grammar & Stoddard's Latin grammar may be introduced into the public h.
schools of this City, respectfully report - That they have examined
the

64. The book submitted to their consideration, and they are of opinion, that it is a decided improvement, in many respects, on the Latin grammar now in use in the Latin school, & they recommend, that it be adopted for the use of such classes, as shall hereafter be admitted to the school; and that it be permitted to be used, instead of Gould's edition of Adam's Latin grammar, by the classes already admitted, whenever the master of the school shall so direct.

Palcy's Moral Philos.

The same committee having been instructed to consider the expediency of substituting, in the course of study & instruction in the English High School, some other work on Moral Philosophy, in place of Paley's; — have taken the subject so referred to them, into consideration, and they respectfully report, that in their opinion, it is not expedient to make any change, for the purpose of excluding Paley's Moral Philosophy, from the course of study in the High School.

All which is respectfully submitted by the committee —

Nathan Hale, Chairman.

Read & accepted.

Green & McGowan

Map of world.

The committee on books to whom was referred the communication of Green & McGowan, respecting a "Map of the World" which they have lately published for the use of public schools, reported verbally, that it is inexpedient to take any order up on the subject.

Accepted.

Secretary

Ordered, that there be paid to the Secretary of this board one hundred and fifty dollars, in full, for his services the present year.

Wepfinger

Ordered, that there be paid to the Wepfinger of this board, one hundred dollars, in full for his services the present year.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned 65.
to meet at this place, on Wednesday, the 27th instant, at four
o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the
City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the twenty
seventh day of December, Anno Domini, 1837.

Present -

The Chairman - Mess^{rs} Maret, Stor, Robinson, Macomber, Leach,
Palmer, Light, Parkman, Emerson, Bartlett, Rogers, Wigglesworth,
Barnett, Lathrop, Davis, Smith, Gay, Young, Austin, Perry, Hale,
Field and Conolly.

The special committee who were instr^{uct} Winthrop School
ed to present a nomination for master of the Winthrop School, resped. Master chosen.
fully Report, That they have carefully considered the various
applications which have been made for that situation and after
mature deliberation they unanimously nominate Henry Williams,
Junior, to supply the vacancy, and recommend his appointment by
the board. For the committee Ph. Maret.

The board proceeded by ballot to the
choice of a master of the Winthrop School, and the votes being
taken it appeared that Henry Williams, Junior was chosen.

That part of the report of the sub- Lathrop's salary
committee of the Wells School which recommends, that Mr. Lathrop's
salary as writing master be allowed to the end of the present quarter was
considered, & not accepted.

Voted, that Henry Williams, Jun^r, account for Williams-compens services as master in the writing department of the Wells school from November 10th to December 15. 1837, amounting to \$143. 83 be allowed and paid.

Franklin School. The sub-committee of the Franklin School Usher &c. chosen nominated John Bradford, Junior, as usher, and Otis Pierce, as teacher of penmanship, which nominations were confirmed, & they were appointed accordingly.

Johnson School. The sub-committee of the Johnson school nominated Sarah Ann Belden, as an additional teacher, in said school to take effect from and after the 14th instant, which nomination was confirmed, and she was appointed accordingly.

Adams School. The sub-committee of the Adams school informed the board that W.^r George Allen, junior has resigned his place as usher in said school, and they nominated W.^r Lyman T. Bowker to supply his place, commencing on the 26th instant. Which nomination was confirmed, and he was appointed accordingly.

Eliot School. The sub-committee of the Eliot school nominated Elizabeth Skinner, as an assistant teacher in the grammar department of said school, in place of Sarah E. White, resigned. Which nomination was confirmed, and she was appointed accordingly.

Hawes School. Ordered, that Lucy Floyd, and Julia M. Baxter receive compensation for temporary services at the Hawes school during the illness of the Ushers, M.^r Battles.

Voted, that the sub-committee of the May-
 new school be authorized to appoint an assistant female teacher in the grammar department of that school during the illness of Mr Walker, the master. 67.

Voted, that the salaries of the ushers of Wells & Franklin the Wells and Franklin schools be the same as those of the Johnson & Winthrop sch. And that the teachers of penmanship in said schools be allowed six hundred dollars each per annum. Schools -
salaries of ushers

The special committee appointed to carry in-
 to immediate effect the resolutions passed by this board, on the 6th instand, respecting the separation of the sexes, & the equalization of the schools, beg leave, respectfully, to present the following statements, as a report of their doings. Your committee entered at once upon the work assigned to them. At the cost of much time & labor, they have effected the alterations they were charged to make. That these changes were needed, & that they will prove salutary, they believe most firmly. The ten grammar & writing schools are all now of the unmixed kind. Five of them are for girls, & five are for boys. The number of pupils at the present time is 4122. They are distributed among the several schools, as follows:—

Schools for girls.		Schools for boys.	
The Hancock	has 520.	The Eliot	has 453
Bowdoin	450.	Mayhew	482
Johnson	488.	Adams	355
Boylston	330.	Franklin	337
Wells	332.	Winthrop	375
Total	2120.	Total	2002

It appears from the foregoing table, that two or three of the schools are still rather larger, comparatively than they ought to

to be; but in no one of them is the number of pupils greater than the masters say they can accommodate. There will be for some time a tendency to reduce pupils in the Hancock, Mayhew & Johnson; but they may easily be reduced. The Hancock by sending more pupils to the Wells; the Mayhew sending more to the Adams; the Johnson by sending more to the Boulton.

With regard to the Hancock school, your committee would remark that by taking from it 113 girls, its number has been so much reduced, that there is no longer any need of maintaining a separate department in the ward room; and accordingly they recommend to the board that the masters be directed forthwith to cease making use of the room for the purpose of instruction.

It seems not improper for your committee to state further that in performing the duty required of them, they found it necessary to cause somewhat more than one fourth of all the pupils in the ten grammar ^{twitting} schools to leave their old teachers & places of instruction, & go to new ones. Of course it was to be expected, that independently of the questions touching the new & old systems, & the separation of the sexes, some feelings would be wounded, and some dissatisfaction expressed. But they are happy in being able to say, that the scholars have very generally gone to the schools designated for them by your committee. That the board may be fully aware how promptly & to much greater extent this was done by the children, let your committee here state the ascertained fact, that, although the number of pupils excluded from their former places of instruction, & directed to go to others which were new to them, is more than 1200, yet the ten public schools affected by the changes, that have taken place have at this moment, a larger number of scholars than they had in August, when the masters made their last annual returns.

Yours

Your committee will occupy the time of the board but a moment longer, in order to produce the desired equalization of the schools in the manner least objectionable; they had recourse to the old practice of designating certain streets as lines, to which the masters should restrict themselves, in discharging & receiving pupils. These lines they will briefly describe, as a knowledge of them, may possibly be of use to some members of the board, in the ensuing year. The lines of limitation then which your committee found it expedient to draw, may be ascertained by means of the following statements:

Boys living south of Eliot & Kneeland streets, go to the Franklin school. Boys living north of Eliot & Kneeland streets, as far as Cambridge, Court & State streets, go either to the Winthrop or the Adams. Boys living north of Cambridge, Court & State streets (with the exception of a few in Brattle street, and the south part of Amover street, who attend the Adams) go either to the Mayhew or the Eliot.

Girls living south of Essex & Boylston streets go to the Johnson. Girls living east of Washington & north of Essex streets as far as State street, go to the Boylston. Girls living west of ~~Boylston~~ Washington, & north of Boylston streets, as far as Blackstone, Salem, Prince streets (excepting such as attend the Wells) go to the Bowdoin. Girls living in ward five, in Morrisian St. & in the neighbouring streets north of that as far as Prince St. go to the Wells. Girls living north of Blackstone & north West of Salem & Prince streets (including those who reside in those Sts.) go to the Hancock. The only exceptions your committee have allowed to be made to the above rules, in sending pupils from one school to another are these: 1st members of the first classes. 2^d near relatives of the masters. 3^d children in feeble health who could not well walk further than they had been accustomed to

70. to do. And 4th in three or four instances, little girls who had older sisters whose company they wished for in going to school. These are the only exceptions; and any charge against the committee of partiality, or favoritism, is without foundation.

Your committee will only add, that, as regards the distance children have to travel, under the present arrangement, it is in no case, what, the committee can consider unreasonably great. No one is obliged to walk further than several have, for a long time, done from choice. Very few live so far as half a mile from these schools. Probably not more than 40 girls in the whole city have to go more than 150 rods; and nearly the same may be said of the boys. All which is respectfully submitted.

Saml Barrett, for the special committee.

Read and accepted.

Hancock Sch.

Ordered, that the masters of the Hancock school be directed forthwith to discontinue the use of the ward room.

Time of dismissing
pupils

Ordered, that the sub committee of the Hancock school be requested to cause the rules respecting the time of dismissing the pupils from said school each day, be carried into full effect.

Thanks to Chairman.


On motion of Mr. Austin

Resolved, that the thanks of this board be presented to His Honor the Chairman, for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over their deliberations, during the past year.

The foregoing resolve being read by the Secretary, and the question being put by him, it passed by a unanimous vote. To which the Chairman made a pertinent

reply.

The meeting was then adjourned without day.

Attest

 Secretary

Medals awarded 1837.

Medals.

<u>Latin.</u>	<u>Winthrop.</u>	<u>Eliot.</u>	<u>Mayhew.</u>	
Owen G. Peabody.	Geo. W. Ellison.	Sra. J. Child.	Edwin C. Barnes	
Edward Capen.	Chas. L. Johnson.	John T. S. Hadaaway.	William Carter.	
<u>English High.</u>	<u>Sra. A. Davis.</u>	<u>Wm. B. Swojour.</u>	<u>Benj. Humphrey.</u>	
Caleb L. Cunningham.	Joseph Saunders.	Benj. Parker.	Jacob S. Nash	
John L. Barry.	Geo. M. Dotchere.	Silas Rice.	Edwin T. Hallleigh	
Jonathan Garrett.	^{Lymon} John P. Ordway.	Alpheus Wiswell.	Sra. A. White.	
<u>Wells.</u>	<u>Boylston.</u>	<u>Adams.</u>	<u>Franklin.</u>	<u>Hawes.</u>
Augustus Blaney.	Charles W. Smith.	Thos. A. Watson.	Wm. D. Eaton	James Morris.
W. N. Fisher.	John Lawrence.	James Waldock.	Sra. Parker	Warren A. D. Cowdin.
B. L. Mersey.	Chas. S. Jenney.	Chas. Dupee.	Sam. D. Fore, jr.	Geo. A. Stevens.

Girls.

<u>Johnson.</u>	<u>Bowdoin.</u>	<u>Hancock.</u>	<u>Franklin.</u>	
Emeline M. Emmons.	Charlotta A. Belcher.	Sarah Gould.	Susan A. Austin	
Mary S. Crymble.	Harriet Blaney.	Henrietta S. Pierce.	Maria T. Tilling.	
Martha W. Ireland.	Mary L. Bradford.	Caroline W. Melling.	Polsey B. Miller.	
<u>Eliz. W. Keith.</u>	<u>Ellen Martshorn.</u>	<u>Eliza A. Torrey.</u>	<u>Hawes.</u>	
Sarah S. Minson.	Harriet Perrin.	Melen M. Vanneover.	Mary W. Bedlington	
Almena C. Cheever.	Abigail D. Pike.	Ann M. Wight.	Martha A. Sprague	
<u>Adams.</u>	<u>Wells.</u>	<u>Boylston.</u>	<u>Sarah J. M. Braliner.</u>	
Phoebe D. Turner.	A. E. Augustus.	Eliz. P. Smith.		
Sydia M. Dyer.	C. D. Chaffee.	Eliz. A. Avers.	^{Lymon}	
Frances E. Sprague.	J. C. Clapp.	Mary A. Cushing.	Eliza M. Bates	

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room City Hall, on Tuesday, the ninth day of January, D. 1838.

The following gentlemen compose the School committee the present year.

Samuel A. Eliot, Mayor, Chairman.

Philip Marett, President of the Common Council.

From the wards.

Ward N ^o 1.	Rev. Baron Stow.	&	Simon W. Robinson
" "	2. Stephen W. Olney	"	Ephraim M. Cunningham.
" "	3. Ezra Palmer, Junior	"	E. W. Leach.
" "	4. Rev. Chandler Robbins	"	Jacob Hayes.
" "	5. Joseph Eveleth	"	Frederick Emerson.
" "	6. Edward Wigglesworth	"	Henry B. Rogers.
" "	7. Rev. Samuel K. Lothrop	"	Rev. Hubbard Winslow.
" "	8. Thomas K. Davis	"	William T. Andrews.
" "	9. Martin Gay.	"	George G. Smith.
" "	10. Rev. John Pierpont.	"	William Parker.
" "	11. Marshall S. Perry	"	John Flint.
" "	12. Rev. Cha ^s F. Bannard.	"	Rev. Horace L. Conolly.

All the above named gentlemen appeared and took their seats except Mess^{rs} Marett and Leach.

President

The board was called to order by the Mayor who by the rules is ex officio chairman.

Secretary

Voted, to proceed to the choice of Secretary, by ballot, and the votes being taken it appeared that Samuel F. McLeary was chosen.

Voted, that the rules and regulations of School committee of the last year be adopted until the further order of this board.

73.

Rules & Regulations

The following sub or visiting committees were nominated and appointed viz:

Sub-committees

Latin - Mayor,	English High. Mep. ^r Stow,
Mep. ^r Davis,	Palmer,
Wigglesworth,	Gay,
Robbins,	Andrews,
Winslow,	Conolly,
Symon - Mep. ^r Hays,	Elit. Mep. ^r Olney,
Lunningham,	Stow,
Olney,	Robinson,
Mancock - Mep. ^r Palmer,	Mayhew - Mep. ^r Emerson,
Seach,	Evoleth,
Lunningham,	Robinson,
Wells - Mep. ^r Lothrop,	Smith - Mep. ^r Rogers,
Robbins,	Pierpont,
Seach,	Evoleth,
Bowdoin - Mep. ^r Winslow,	Adams - Mep. ^r Wigglesworth,
Emerson,	Rogers,
Lothrop,	Parker,
Boylston - Mep. ^r Gay,	Winthrop - Mep. ^r Marette,
Andrews,	Smith,
Smith,	Parker,
Johnson - Mep. ^r Davis,	Franklin - Mep. ^r Flint,
Perry,	Pierpont,
Flint,	Barnard,
Mawes - Mep. ^r Conolly,	Barnard and Perry,
Books - Mep. ^r Wigglesworth,	Andrews, Winslow, Palmer and Books com ^r
Perry,	

74. Voted, that Messrs Davis, EGGLETH & Smith
Rules & Orders be a committee to consider and report upon the rules and
orders to be observed by this board.

Primary Sch. com^{ee} Voted, that Messrs Barnard, Rogers and
Com^{ee} of Conference Store be a standing committee to confer with the primary
School committee

Music Voted, that Messrs Davis, Robinson, Lathrop,
Emerson and Palmer, be a committee to be added to the sub-
committee of the Hawes School, for the purpose of superintending
the introduction of ~~some~~ vocal music in that school.

Memorials from Wards
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12. Several committees appeared from the following
wards, who presented several memorials and certain resolutions
which were passed at meetings held in wards No. 1, 2, 3, 4,
5, 6 and twelve, also a memorial of Joseph Sprague & 302 others,
Inhabitants of ward No. 10, and its immediate vicinity, all against
the recent alteration of the School system, the separation of the
sexes &c. and praying that the old system may be restored,
or some other adopted, which shall restore both sexes to differ-
ent rooms in the same school house. All which were read &
referred to Messrs Maret, Palmer, Perry, Wigglesworth and Flint,
to consider & report.

Johnson School Memorial of the Master of the Johnson
School, praying for an additional teacher. Read & referred
to the sub-committee of that school.

Lyman School Ordered, that application be made to the City
Council for a new school house, at East Boston, for the accommodation
of the Lyman School.

75.

The following gentlemen were nominated & appointed to have the care and superintendence of the primary schools

Primary School Com^{rs}

George W. Otis, Junr.	Joseph Curtis,	Samuel Tenney,
Frederick A. Sumner,	Gustavus Norton,	George Rogers,
A. A. Gould,	Richard W. Bayley,	Ezra Weston, Junr.
John B. Stebbins,	J. W. Bourne,	John Center,
William A. Weeks,	Lewis Jopelyn,	Richard Austin,
Thos. A. Thompson,	Joseph W. Ingraham,	Henry Andrews,
Thomas Resteau,	Henry G. Clark,	Christopher Gore,
Samuel Chepman,	Andrew Geyer,	John B. McCleary,
S. W. Hall,	G. H. Lodge,	Jason D. Battles,
Boza Lincoln	A. J. Richardson,	Francis Brown
Samuel G. Simpkins	J. M. Washburn,	Thomas J. Bayley
Abraham G. Wyman,	Lewis G. Pray,	Daniel Henchman
Elephated P. Hartshorn,	Elijah Cobb,	Aurelius D. Parker,
Enoch Hobart	Wendell Phillips,	Joseph Richardson,
Henry B. Rogers	Martin Gay,	James K. Whipple,
Josiah F. Burnstead,	Samuel Wales, jr.	Wm D. Ticknor
Samuel W. Walley,	Lorenzo S. Cragin,	Asaon Sweet
Ebenezer Jones,	George Vinton	William Brown,
Geo. W. Phillips	James B. Dow,	H. I. Bowditch
Daniel L. Coit	John Gulliver,	Isiah Hitteridge,
Elisha Field,	Charles C. Barry,	Henry Hatch
A. B. Wheeler,	William Taylor, jr.	Francis Bullard,
John Flint	Samuel F. Morse,	S. H. Morris
William C. Jenkins	Alvan Simonds	Erastus Howe,
Ebenezer Stevens,	N. P. Mann,	Solon Jenkins
Josiah Dimham, jr.	D. Reynolds	Joseph Dall
Samuel Wheeler,	John L. Emmons,	Edmund Jackson,
Otis Everett, jr.	Moses Clark	Arion Bidway
Guy C. Haynes,		

76.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned, to meet at this place, on Tuesday, the twenty third day of January, instant, at four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time and place accordingly.

Attest,

S. M. Cleary,

(Secretary.)

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty third day of January, A. D. 1838.

Present,

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. Marette, Lathrop, and Parker.

Pray

Ward 5.

Memorial of Lewis G. Pray, and others, Inhabitants of Ward N^o 5, respecting the recent alteration in some of the schools, and the separation of the sexes.

Read and filed.

School system

petition of some of

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry Inhabitants of wards N^o 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 12, respecting the late changes in the distribution of the scholars attending several of the City schools, and in the constitution of some of the schools. Which report was read, Dr. Palmer read a report of the minority of said committee, and moved, that the original report be amended conformable thereto.

After some discussion, a motion was made, that the whole subject be laid upon the table, and that said reports, and amendments proposed be printed for the use of the members of the School committee.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned 77.
ed to meet at this place, on Friday, the second day of February, next, at four o'clock P.M.

(Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.)

Attest,

(S. M. Cleary,
Secretary.)

At a meeting of the School committee
of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor and Aldermen's room,
City Hall, on Friday, the second day of February, A. D. 1838.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board except the Rev. Mr. Lothrop.

The board took into consideration the report of School system
the committee to whom was referred the petitions from wards 1, 2, 3, 4,
5, 6, 10 & 12, respecting the late changes in the distribution of the
scholars attending several of the City Schools, and in the constitu-
tion of some of the schools. Also, the report of the minority of
said committee, and the resolutions attached to the same, which
were offered at the last meeting as amendments, and substitutes
to those reported by the majority of said committee; all which
were printed agreeably to the order passed at the last meeting
of this board. Resolves as reported by the committee are as follows.

Resolved 1. That it is not expedient at present to change
the organization of the public schools, nor the distribution of the
pupils belonging to them.

Resolved 2. That this board will recommend to the City, Ad. School house
Council the erection of an additional school house in the northern
part

18. part of the City, if the same should be petitioned for by the residents in that district.

Amendments

The resolutions and orders of the ^{minority} proposed as an amendment, to be substituted for the resolves annexed to the majority report.

Resolved, That the system of two departments - one for reading, English grammar, &c. and the other for writing, Arithmetic, &c. be restored to those schools in which this system has been dispensed with.

Resolved, That both sexes of children be instructed in each of the school houses excepting the Latin School house, & the High School house.

Resolved, That the Johnson and Winthrop schools be organized on the same plan with the grammar and writing schools.

Ordered, That be a committee, with instructions to revise the rules and regulations of the board, & render them conformable to the above resolutions; and that said committee report the revised code at the next meeting of the board.

Ordered, That the Chairman of this board request the City Council to provide an additional school house in the northern part of the City.

Ordered, That the Masters of the Hancock School be permitted to use the ward room in the basement of said school house, till more permanent arrangements can be made for their relief.

After discussion the following was offered as an amendment & substitute for the first resolve reported by the committee. WZ.

Resolved, that it is not expedient at present to change the organization of the public schools. Upon the question of passing this resolve the yeas and nays being required, were taken as follows:
yea: Yeas Messrs. Marshall, Rogers, Wigglesworth, Davis, Andacrews, Gay, Smith, Parker, Terra, Leitch, and Barnard. 11.

Nays Messrs. Hew, Robinson, Blaney, Cunningham, Salmon, Leach, Hobbs, Nayes, Coolett, Winslow, and Conolly, & Emerson. 12.

So the same did not pass.

Several amendments being made and rejected, the following resolutions 19.
and orders were passed, as amendments to the reports of the
committee, and the report offered by the minority as a substitute
to the report of the committee, viz:

Resolved, That it is expedient to reinstate the pupils Pupils reinstated
in the four mixed schools, as they were in November last.

On the adoption of this resolution the yeas and nays being re-
quired were taken as follows viz: Yeas Messrs. How, Robinson, Olney,
Cunningham, Palmer, Leach, Robbins, Hayes, Emerson, Eveloth, Winslow, Conoley,
Flinn, Conoley and Barnard, 15. Nays Messrs. Marrett, Rogers, Davis,
Andrews, Gay, Smith, Parker, 7. --

Resolved, That this board will recommend to the New School house,
City Council, the erection of an additional school house in the
northern part of the City.

On this resolution every member voted in the affi-
mative: Yeas 23.

Resolved, That the system of two departments - one Two dept. restored
for reading, English grammar, &c. and the other for writing, arith-
metic, &c. be restored to those schools in which this system has
been dispensed with.

On the adoption of this resolution the yeas and nays be-
ing required were taken as follows viz: Yeas Messrs. How, Robinson,
Olney, Cunningham, Palmer, Leach, Robbins, Hayes, Emerson, Eveloth,
Winslow, Conoley, 12. Nays Messrs. Marrett, Rogers, Nigglesworth,
Davis, Andrews, Gay, Smith, Parker, Perry, Barnard, Flinn, 11.

Ordered, That Messrs. Nigglesworth, Palmer & Andrews Rules & Regulations.
be a committee with instructions to revise the rules and regulations
of the board, and render them conformable to the votes passed at
this meeting, and report the revised code as soon as conveniently
may be. --

Amendments to rules and regulations were made, and laid upon the table. The latter part of this section, beginning at the word "but," Page 13. Sect. 2. be stricken out. "2. The grammar master

and the writing master shall each have the regulation and control of his particular department so far as regards the classification, the mode of instruction, and the discipline of his pupils; provided that the regulations of one department do not interfere with those of the other; but in all cases involving the interests of both departments, where a difference of opinion or conflict of authority shall arise, the decision of the grammar master shall be paramount."

Also page 17 Chap. 4. Sect. 5. "Whenever any vacancy in the writing department of any grammar school shall occur, by reason of the death or resignation of a writing master, such grammar school shall be forthwith organized in the manner prescribed above for the Johnson and Winthrop schools."

Writing masters
Advertisements for

Ordered, that the Secretary advertise that applications will be received for two masters in the writing departments of the Franklin and Wells Schools.

The committee was then adjourned.

Attest.

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School 81
committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's
room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of February, A. D. 1838.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board except M^r. Olney.

Semi annual returns were received from the masters Semi an.^d returns
of all the Schools.

The Secretary laid upon the table an abstract Abstract of pupils
of the semi annual returns from the masters of the grammar & writing
schools, containing the number of pupils and instructors in each school, [&] Instructors
and the number of female teachers each is entitled to. *Read & filed.*

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees Quarterly Rep.^s
of all the schools except the Wells school, which were severally read &
accepted.

The sub-committee of the Mayhew School among Mayhew
other things reported that "During the last three months the gram School
mar master M^r. Walker has been absent from his department, on
account of ill health, and his duties have devolved upon the usher,
M^r. Sweetser, who has been assisted by two female teachers. The
quantum of instruction in this department, has not been equal to
that in the writing department; there being in the latter a master
and three female teachers. M^r. Sweetser's labors having been rendered
more arduous, this situation more responsible by those circumstances, the
committee think it no more than just, that he should be allowed
such additional compensation, as shall make his whole allowance
equal to that of an usher in the Johnson and Winthrop schools;
and they accordingly subjoin to this report an order to that
effect. The committee are happy to have it in their power to state
that

82. That Mr. Walker is recovering his health, and, will probably, be able to return to his duties, in the course of one or two months.

Mayhew School
Mshor.

Ordered, That Mr. Sweetser, Mshor in the grammar department of the Mayhew school, be intrusted with all the duties of master, until the return of Mr. Walker to the department, or the further order of the board.

Ordered, That the sum of sixty two dollars be allowed to Paul W. Sweetser, for extra services performed in the Mayhew School, between the 20th of November, 1837, and the 20th of March, 1838.

Read, accepted and the orders passed.

Johnson
School repairs

The sub-committee of the Johnson school among other things reported ~~that~~ as follows— The committee call the attention of the board to the impure state of the air in the rooms of this school, owing to a defective construction of the building. It seems strange that with all the progress made in the mechanic arts, the secret of a well constructed school house seems yet undiscovered. The committee deem it almost criminal to expose the children any longer to the present tainted and impure atmosphere of these apartments, and ask to be empowered by the board to take such measures in regard to ventilation as may seem to them necessary to remedy the evil." Read, accepted & ordered accordingly.

Hawes
School-Teacher

The sub-committee of the Hawes School among things reported "that the number of girls now entitles that department to an additional teacher. Miss Lucy Floyd is nominated in the office of assistant teacher in the female department. Her nomination is now presented for confirmation.

Which nomination was confirmed and she appointed accordingly.

Ordered, That a sum of money not ex^{ceeding} 83.
ceeding thirty five dollars, be appropriated from the Smith fund to Smith Sch.
purchase books for the indigent pupils of the Smith School.

The following motion was made and ^{Boylston Sch.}
laid upon the table, viz: Resolved, That girls only be admitted
into the Boylston School.

Memorial of committees of sundry Temperance
societies, stating, that the fifth simultaneous meeting of the
"Friends of temperance throughout the civilized world" will be celebrat
ed on Tuesday the 27th instant. The occasion will be observed in this
City by a Juvenile temperance meeting at the Cileon, in the afternoon
and a public meeting at the same place in the evening. As was done
the last year, they request that the several public schools in the
City (with the exception of the primary schools may be dismissed
on that afternoon, for the purpose of attending the meeting with their
instructors. Read and the prayer thereof granted.

Voted, That the rules and orders of the Rules Orders
Common Council be observed in the proceedings of this board, so far
as the same are applicable, until further order.

The standing committee on music re- ^{Music}
ported, the progress made in the instruction of the pupils in that
science in the Flaves School. Read and accepted.

Resolved, That from and after the ^{Franklin & Johnson}
first of the ensuing March, the Franklin and Johnson school houses shall ^{Schools}
contain, each, two schools, one for boys, in the lower, and one for girls in
the upper hall; & that the schools in each building shall be each indepen
dent of the other.

811.

Salaries

Resolved: That in respect to salary, the masters and teachers of these schools be equal to the masters and teachers of the other grammar schools of the city; the studies and class books being the same as, in other schools of the same rank, are assigned to children of the same sex.

Franklin & Johnson
Pupils

Resolved: That the children now composing the Franklin and Johnson schools, be distributed between those two school houses without reference to their class or rank; but, so far as is practicable, with reference to the capacity of the respective houses, & the nearness of the children's residence to them.

The question was taken upon the passing each of the foregoing resolves—^{and decided in the affirmative.} on the first resolve the votes stood 14 for, 8 against.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on Tuesday next, 4 o'clock, P. M.

(Adjourned to that time & place, accordingly.)

Attest,

(B. M. Cleary,

Secretary.)

85.

A meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 20th day of February, A. D. 1838.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board except M^r. Conolly & Wigglesworth.

The sub committee of the Wells Sch. school made its quarterly report, which was read & accepted.

M^r. Shaw moved that the resolves respecting the Johnson and Franklin Schools, be reconsidered. Johnson & Franklin Sch.

Pending the discussion upon this motion, a motion was made that this subject be laid upon the table, which motion prevailed. A petition of Charles Leighton, and others, Inhabitants of that part of the City in the vicinity of the Wells School house, praying that there be established in each school house, two schools, one for boys, and one for girls, with a master at the head of each, competent to teach, and to superintend the teaching of all the required branches.

Read and filed. The subject of reconsideration as aforesaid was called up, and after a protracted discussion, the question of reconsideration was taken, and decided in the negative.

Thirteen members only voting in the affirmative, that not being a majority of the whole board.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place, on Friday next, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest, S. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Friday, the twenty third day of February, A. 1838.

Present

The Chairman and the whole board, except Messrs Robbins & Wigglesworth.

Rule
suspended

Mr. Eveleth moved that the latter clause of the 25th section of the rules and orders, in the words following viz: "But no more than one motion for the reconsideration of any vote shall be permitted," be suspended. Which motion prevailed, and the same was suspended accordingly, two thirds of the members present voting in the affirmative.

Franklin & Johnson
Schools

Mr. Eveleth then moved that the resolves respecting the Johnson and Franklin Schools, which passed on the 13th instant be reconsidered, which after discussion was decided in the affirmative and the same were reconsidered accordingly. During the discussion upon this motion, a memorial was read from Georg. G. Channing, Esq. & others, inhabitants of ward N. 11, praying that no alteration be made in the Johnson school, but that the same may be continued as a school for girls only.

Leaven
Vacation reconsidered

Memorial of Lemuel Leaven, remonstrating against the vote of this board, passed on the 13th instant, granting a vacation in all the schools on Tuesday afternoon next; that the pupils of the several public schools, with their instructors may be enabled to attend, at the Bazaar, the fifth simultaneous meeting of the "Friends of Temperance" throughout the civilized world." And praying that the same may be reconsidered. Read and thereupon ordered, that said vote be reconsidered.

The board resolved itself into a com 8th.
mittee of the whole. M^r Marcell in the chair on the subject of committee of the
writing masters in Franklin & Wells sch. The committee of the whole took into
consideration the several applications of persons to fill said vacancies. -

Voted, to proceed to ballot for three candidates to report to the
board; and the votes being taken, it appeared that the following
persons had a majority of votes, viz: Reuben Swan, Junior, Nathan
Merrill and William D. Swan. The committee of the whole then
rose, and the Chairman reported to the general committee the above
names as candidates for writing masters in the Franklin & Wells
schools. The board then proceeded by ballot to the choice
of master in the Franklin School, and the votes being taken it
appeared that Nathan Merrill was chosen.

The board then proceeded by ballot to Masters chosen
the choice of master of the Wells school, and the votes being taken
it appeared that Reuben Swan, Junior was chosen.

Ordered, That the resolves of the board, System of dep^{ts}
providing for the instruction of both sexes of scholars in the schools, re-established.
houses, in which both were instructed in November last, and, providing
for the re-establishment of the system of departments in those schools in
which this system has been dispensed with, shall go into effect on the
second monday of March next.

Ordered, That Mess^{rs} Emerson, Winslow, Com^{rs} to organize sch.
and Pierpont be a committee to execute the above order.

The following resolve which was laid on the Boylston school
table at a former meeting was taken up, viz: Resolved, That girls only be
admitted into the Boylston school. On the question of passing the same it was de-
cided in the negative.

Ordered, That the sub committee of the Mills
 Mills school be authorized to continue George Allen Junior in the junior
 that school for the next quarter.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

(S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.)

Meeting

request to call.

Dear Sir,

Permit us to request you to have the gram
 mar school board notified to meet on Friday next, at 4 o'clock
 P. M. or at such other time as you may consider preferable.

We are led to make the application in consequence of the
 undue number of boys now belonging to the Franklin School,
 for whom it seems very desirable that some better and more
 permanent arrangement should be made than is in the power
 of the sub committee.

Very respectfully,

Your friends,

Charles F. Barnard

John Flint.

Rev. Samuel A. Eliot.

89.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the ninth day of April, D. 1838.

Present

The Chairman Messrs. Stow, Robinson, Palmer, Leach, Robbins, Hayes, Emerson, Rogers, Wigglesworth, Winslow, Davis, Andrews, Gay, Smith, Parker, and Barnard.

Ordered, that the sub-committee of the Franklin School, together with Messrs. Emerson and Winslow, be a committee to consider and report upon the crowded state of the above mentioned school. The said committee afterwards reported the following order, viz:

Ordered, That arrangements be made to open the Johnson School for boys, as well as girls. Which was read and not accepted.

The sub-committee of English High School reported that W. Tilling has resigned his situation as sub-master of that school. The committee unanimously nominate W. Luther Robinson as his successor. Which nomination was confirmed, and he was appointed accordingly.

Mrs. Emerson from the committee appointed to reorganize the several schools, agreeably to the order of this board of the twenty third day of February last, reported verbally that the committee had performed the duty assigned them. Accepted.

The committee appointed to report rules and regulations of the schools, to conform to the several alterations made therein

therein, made a report - which was read and recommitted to the same committee, with instructions to report the rules & regulations in print, and to be appended thereto, the rules & regulations for government of this board when they meet for the despatch of business.

Latin & Eng. high Sch.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Latin &

writing master

English High School be authorized to procure an appropriate teacher of penmanship for said school, and to fix such amount of salary as may be deemed expedient.

Rules & Regulations

The following alteration of the rules and regulations was proposed, and referred to the committee who have under consideration the alteration of the rules &c. viz: Voted, that the regulation providing for the vacation of the female schools on stormy afternoons, which was adopted November 14. 1837, be & the same is hereby repealed.

Franklin School

Ordered, that the sub-committee of the Frank-

lin school

be authorized to employ an usher for the instruction of the boys in the ward room of that building.

Franklin & Adams

Ordered, That application be made to the

Schools

City Council, that the ward room in the Franklin School house be furnished with suitable seats and desks. Also that backs be made to the seats in the Adams school house, for the accommodation of the pupils of S. Schools.

School for instructors

Ordered, That Messrs. Barnard, Perry & Andrews

be a committee to confer with the Secretary of the board of Education of the State, on the expediency of providing a school for the instruction of teachers.

Voted, That the second edition of Parker's Natural Philosophy, be referred to the committee on books.

91.
Parker's Phil.

Ordered, That Messrs Davis, Smith and Barnard, be a committee to consider the ~~expedient~~ present mode of distributing the Franklin medals, in the public schools of this City, and ascertain whether there be any, if any, what evils in the present system, with the practicable remedies therefor, and to report at the next quarterly meeting of the board.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

J. W. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the eighth day of May, D. 1838.

Present—

The Chairman— and Messrs Marcet, Robinson, Olney, Palmer, Robbins, Hauser, Emerson, Rogers, Wiggin, Fithian, Winslow, Andrews, Geo. Parker, Perry, Flint, Conolly & Barnard.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committee of all the schools, which were severally read & accepted.

The sub-committee of the Hancock school nominated Miss Angelina Brigham & Miss Ann M. Wright as assistant teachers in said school. Which nomination was confirmed.

Hancock Sch.
assist. teachers

The sub-committee of the Mayhew sch.

Mayhew Sch. among other things reported the following orders viz:

Usher

Ordered, that Mr. Andrew J. Lind be employed as usher in the grammar department of the Mayhew school, and, that his compensation be the same as that of other ushers commencing this day.

Asst. teacher

Ordered, that the services of Miss Goodell be discontinued in the Mayhew school, after the 31st day of the present month.

Usher

Ordered, that the compensation of Mr. George Allen, first usher in the grammar department of the Mayhew school, be at the rate of one thousand dollars, per annum commencing with the current quarter, and that this sum be withdrawn from the salary of Mr. Moses W. Walker, until he shall return to the school, or the board shall take some further order on the subject.

The report of said committee was accepted and the order passed with the following amendment, viz: the last order to be so amended, as that \$750 be withdrawn from Mr. Walker's salary instead of one thousand dollars.

Boylston School
Asst. teacher

The sub-committee of the Boylston School nominated Miss Florinda T. Treadwell, as assistant teacher in place of Miss Oliver who has resigned. Which nomination was confirmed.

Franklin School

The sub-committee of the Franklin School among other things reported, - To accommodate the surplus boys, the committee by provision of this board have fitted up, for the present, the ward room, and have elected Mr. Swan as usher, to take charge of them, until some better arrangement can be made, which they trust will

room best so as to enable the teachers to carry into operation more speedily and effectually, the plan which they have jointly agreed upon for the internal management and discipline of the school. Reports accepted, & said nomination was confirmed.

93.

Miss Woodman, female teacher of the Wells school has leave of absence for six months, she to supply the vacancy, with such an assistant as shall be satisfactory to the sub committee.

Wells sch.

Ordered, That the Chairman, Mr. Marcell, & the sub committee of the Smith School, be a committee to ascertain what alterations, if any, are expedient to be made in said School house and report thereon.

Smith Sch. house.

Ordered, that Isaac Paul's account for services in the Smith school to 1 April last, amounting to \$20.83 - be allowed.

Paul

Ordered, that the sub committees of the Franklin & Winthrop Schools, be authorized to make such arrangements as they may judge expedient, for the purpose of relieving the Franklin school of the supernumerary pupils in the male department.

Franklin & Winthrop
Schools

The book com.^{ee} having examined the second edition of Parker's compendium of natural & experimental Philosophy, which was referred to them at the last meeting of the board, reports, that it appears to them well adapted for a text book in our public schools, & they recommend that it be introduced into them in the place of Blake's conversations on Natural Philosophy.

Parker's Phil.

For the book committee: Edward Wigglesworth.

Read and accepted.

94.
Music.

The committee of observation on the introduction of music into the Haver schools, made a report, as on file of the progress made in that school.

Read and accepted.

Sec. board of Education.

The committee appointed to confer with the Secretary of the board of Education for the Commonwealth, upon the subject of qualifying teachers to take charge of our public schools - made a report, as on file, together with the following resolutions - viz:

Resolved, That a committee of be appointed on the part of this board to confer with the primary school committee upon the subject embraced in the suggestion of the Secretary of the board of Education for the Commonwealth -

Read and accepted, and the standing committee to confer with the primary school committee ^{and Messrs Perry & Audubon} were appointed to carry the same into effect.

Grammar schools
yearly exam:

Ordered, That Messrs Flint, Olney and Parker, be a committee to visit the several grammar schools & critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of those schools, and to report previous to the annual election of the instructors, that the appointments of the board on that occasion may be judiciously made.

Writing schools
yearly exam:

Ordered, That Messrs Barnard, Robbins & Leach be a committee to visit the several writing schools, and examine the pupils in the several branches taught therein, and report at the time and for the purpose above expressed.

Book

Ordered, That ^{Messrs Conolly, Barnard, Emerson, Winslow & Rogers, be a} committee to ~~consider~~ Consider & report

upon the expediency of introducing an additional book for the study of the fourth class of the grammar schools 95.

The committee appointed to consider Rules &c and report regulations of the School Committee, made a report in print agreeably to instructions, which being read, & considered and sundry amendments made, said rules and regulations were accepted, and thereupon ordered, that four hundred copies be printed.

* The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

* The sub-committee of the Eliot School nominated W. Loring Lottrop, as usher in place of Mr. Carter Eliot Sch. Usher. resigned. Which nomination was confirmed, and he was appointed accordingly.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at the Mayor & Aldermen's room City Hall, on Tuesday, the seventh day of August, A. D. 1838.

Present—

The Chairman, and all the members of the committee, except Messrs Stow, Robbins, Hayes, Wigglesworth & Winslow.

Reports

Noted, that the several reports, which are required at the quarterly meeting, be made at this time, & that this be considered as the quarterly meeting.

Semi annual returns.

Semi annual returns were made by the masters of all the schools, except the Latin, Hawes & Winthrop schools. Thereupon ordered, that the masters of those schools be notified to make their several returns on or before the next meeting of this board.

Quarterly reports.

Quarterly reports were made by all the sub committees of all the schools, except the Latin school, which were severally read and accepted.

Grammar schools

The committee appointed to visit the several grammar schools & critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of those schools—Reported at large, as on file, which report was read & accepted.

Writing schools

The committee appointed to visit the several writing schools, & critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of those schools, reported at large, as on file, which report was read and accepted.

Ordered, that the committee appointed to D's.
confer with the primary school committee, on the subjects of Teachers -
providing a school for the instruction of teachers, according to the School for.
suggestions made in the report of the Secretary of the Board of
Education of the Commonwealth, be discharged.

Ordered, that Messrs Lothrop, Eveleth & Normal instruct.
Robbins, be a committee, to consider and report upon the sub-
jects of Normal instruction, and the best mode of providing
for it in this City.

Ordered, that Messrs Barnard, Pierpont, Education board
and Andrews, be a committee to arrange a meeting with the
Secretary of the board of Education of the Commonwealth.

Ordered, that the Chairman, Messrs Marell School documents
Wigglesworth and Palmer, be a committee to consider and report printing of
upon the expediency of printing such number of documents in
relation to the schools as to them may seem expedient.

Petition of Nathaniel K. Lombard, Junr. Lombard
praying, that a machine, constructed by him for preserving maps Maps
and facilitating the reading thereof, may be introduced into the
schools. Read & referred to the committee on books.

Ordered, that Messrs Davis, Robinson & Primary Schools
Eveleth, be a committee to consider and report upon the or-
ganization of the primary school committee.

Ordered, that the usual annual exhibition Eliot school
be dispensed with, at the Eliot school, the present year, that house being
taken down.

Exhibitions —
Com^{ee} for

Ordered, that the sub-committees of the several schools be appointed committees to attend the approaching exhibition of their respective schools, pursuant to the seventh section of the first chapter of the regulations.

Hours of exhibit.

Ordered, that the chairman of this board be a committee to appoint the hours for the exhibitions of the several schools.

Bradford

Memorial of John Bradford, Junr. late an usher in the Franklin school, praying that his salary may be allowed to the end of quarter in which he was dismissed from said school, owing to a new organization thereof. Read & the prayer thereof granted.

Hawes school

Ordered, that the two exhibitions of the Hawes school be united into one to take place on Tuesday, agreeably to the request of the masters of said school.

Lyman School

Ordered, that two City medals be awarded in the Lyman school, in the place of one Franklin & one City medal.

Hawes Sch.

First clap.

Memorial of the first clap in the female department of the Hawes school, praying, that no medals be awarded to the girls in said school. Read and laid upon the table.

Medals

The committee appointed to consider & report a new plan for the distribution of medals in the school, asked for further time to make their report, which request was granted.

Eng. High Sch.

Ordered, that the committee of the English High School award six medals in said school.

99.

The committee on the introduction of Music, respectfully report, that they visited the Hawes school at South Boston, on the sixth day of August instant, & heard the musical exercises of the scholars with great satisfaction. The success of the experiment, thus far, has more than fulfilled the sanguine expectations which at first were entertained in regard to it. The committee take this opportunity to request as many of the board as can do so, to attend the annual exhibition of the Hawes school, which is expected to take place in the Baptist Church in South Boston in the forenoon a week from Tuesday next. It is very desirable, that the board should judge for themselves of the effect of these musical exercises, & a good opportunity of doing so will then be afforded. The committee will only add upon the authority of the master of the Hawes school, that the scholars are further advanced in their other studies at the end of this, than of any other previous year. In behalf of the committee—

J. Kemper Davis.

Read and accepted.

Petition of Primus Hall, Ethus, people, Hall—
of colour, praying, that another story may be added to the Smith Smith Sch. school house. Read & thereupon ordered, that the Chairman of this board be requested to communicate said petition to the City Council.

Petition of the masters of the Adams Adams Sch. school praying, that some alterations may be made to said school house, in order that an additional room be constructed for each department of said school. Read & thereupon ordered, that the Chairman of this board be requested to communicate said petition to the City Council.

Latin School. Petition of the Master of the Latin school praying, that certain books may be provided, for the use of said school. Read and referred to the sub-committee of that school.

Johnson sch. female teachers. Petition of the Master of the Johnson school, praying, that the salaries of the female teachers in said school may be raised. Read and referred to the sub-committee of that school, with instructions to consider & report upon the expediency of raising the salaries of the female teachers of all the schools, and also of reducing the number of such teachers.

Eng. High Sch. Ordered, that the committee on the English High School be instructed to inquire into the expediency of converting a basement room of the school house into a Laboratory for the use of the school.

Female teachers Ordered, that the committee on the number and salaries of female teachers be instructed to report at the next meeting of this board.

Field's geography. Ordered, that the committee on books be instructed to consider & report upon the expediency of introducing Field's geography to be used by the lower classes in the grammar schools.

Ordered, that the committee on music be instructed to inquire, & report to the next meeting of the board, what amount of school time & what expenses of money would be required for the purpose of introducing instruction in vocal music into the Boston School.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned, to meet at this place on Tuesday next, four o'clock p. m.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest.

J. W. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School 101.
committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday
the fourteenth day of August, Anno Domini, 1838.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messrs Stow,
Olney, Hayes, & Winslow.

Semi annual returns were received from the Masters of the Latin and Winthrop schools. Semi annual
returns.

The sub-committee of the Latin School Latin school
made their quarterly report, which was read & accepted.

The committee appointed to consider the Johnson school.
petition of the master of the Johnson school, & to report on the expedi- female teachers.
ency of raising the salaries of the female teachers throughout the City,
& likewise on the expediency of diminishing the number of the same.
Report, That in their opinion it is expedient that the salaries of
the female teachers throughout the City be raised to the sum of two
hundred & fifty dollars per annum; and that it is not expedient
that the number of these teachers should be diminished.

Respectfully submitted. T. Kemper Davis, for the committee.

The committee submit the following order. Ordered, that
the salaries of the female teachers be raised to the sum of two
hundred and fifty dollars per annum. Read, accepted and the
order passed.

The Secretary laid upon the table an abstract Secy's semi an-
nual report
of the semi annual returns from the masters of the grammar and
writing schools, containing the number of pupils and instructors
in each school, and the number of female teachers each is
entitled to. Read & filed.

Lyman School Ordered, That the salary of the master of the Lyman school be made equal to that of the masters of the other public common schools in this city.

Battles

Petition of Jonathan Battles, Jr. & others masters of the public schools for an increase of their salaries. Read and filed.

Bowdoin Sch.

Music in

The committee appointed to consider what would be the cost of introducing music into the Bowdoin school, & the time the same would take up - Report - That music can be introduced into that school at an expense of two hundred dollars per annum, & of two hours school time during the week.

For the committee. T. Kemper Davis.

Read and accepted.

Field's geography

The committee on books to whom was referred the consideration of introducing Field's geography to be used by the lower classes in the grammar schools, respectfully report - That they are of opinion that it should be so ~~read~~ introduced, as its brevity & simplicity appear to render it more suitable for beginners than the more comprehensive geography of Worcester, for the further reason that there appears to be a general wish among the grammar masters to have it introduced.

For the committee. Edward Wigglesworth.

Read and accepted.

Normal instruction

The board reconsidered the vote passed at the last meeting, appointing a committee to confer with the primary school committee, respecting normal instruction.

The committee appointed to confer with 103.

the primary school board, ^{appointed at a previous meeting} upon the subject of normal instruction Normal instⁿ respectfully beg leave to report:— That we have had two meetings with sub-committees of the board in question, without arriving at any satisfactory result. We have had an opportunity to make our own propositions & statements. We have not been favoured with any thing definite, in the way of reply. we have not been able to secure the co-operation of the primary school committee, in carrying the suggestion of the Secretary of the board of Education into effect. And we have reason to believe that we have failed of attaining the ends we had in view, through an assumption on the part of the primary school board, that the grammar school committee have no right to legislate for the primary schools. Your committee are happy to add, that the order they would have appended to this report was passed at the last meeting.

Respectfully submitted Charles F. Barnard.
Read, and accepted.

Ordered, that the committee of music Music be authorized to consider and report upon the expense of the introduction of instruction in vocal music into all the grammar and writing schools.

Ordered, that Messrs Barnard, Wigglesworth, Education and Palmer be a committee to prepare replies to the circular of the Secretary of the board of education.

Ordered, that the salaries of the masters, ushers, Salaries Teachers be the same as the last year, with the exception of those raised at this meeting.

Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of
Masters for masters of all the public schools, the vote being separately taken
Schools. it appeared that the following persons were chosen viz:

Latin School - Epes Sargent Dixwell.

English High " Thomas Sherwin.

Eliot School. David B. Tower, grammar master. Levi Conant, writing master.

Hancock " W^m J. Adams " " Peter Muckintosh Jr. " "

Mayhew " Moses W. Walker " " Aaron D. Capen " "

Bowdoin " Abraham Andrews " " James Robinson " "

Wells " Cornelius Walker " " Reuben Swan, Jr. " "

Adams " Samuel Barrett " " Josiah Fairbanks " "

Boylston " Charles Fox " " Aaron B. Molyb " "

Winthrop " Henry Williams, Junior, Master.

Johnson " Richard G. Parker " "

Symon " Albert Bowker " "

Smith " Abner Forbes " "

Franklin " Barnum Fiel, grammar master. Nathan Merrill writing master.

Clawes " Joseph Harrington Jr. " " John A. Harris " "

The following persons were nominated by the sub-committees of the several schools, which nominations were confirmed, they were appointed accordingly - viz: Latin School - Francis Gardner - sub master; Edward Appleton, Master - English High School - Luther Robinson, sub master, Francis S. Williams, Master, Jonathan Snelling, teacher of writing Latin & English High School. W^m H. Stratton, associate teacher of writing in those schools. Francis M. J. Surault, teacher of French in the English High schools. Eliot School - Jacob H. Kent, Master, Loring Lathrop Master. Caroline W. Carter & Elizabeth Skinner, assistant teachers. Hancock School, - Adeline Howe, Mary Ann Peirce, Elizabeth Horton, Adelaide A. Jones, Laura Stevens, Delia C. Gould, Angelina A. Brigham & Ann M. Wright, assistant teachers.

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Mayhew School - Andrew J. Loud, usher, Mary J. Walker, Mary
Wheeler, Sarah C. Fernald, & Emeline Lileston, assistant teachers.
Bowdoin School - Mary A. Maudsley, Elizabeth Lincoln, Chastine
Lincoln, Francis M. Robinson, Sarah B. Jepson, & Mary S. Robinson,
assistant teachers. Wells School - Matilda A. Gerry, Hannah J. Woodman
Sarah Otis, Louisa Sweetser, Sarah D. Moores, & Caroline Otis, assistant
teachers - Adams School - Lyman T. Bowker, usher, Mary S. Barker,
Mary E. Swift, Sarah E. Weld, & Elizabeth M. Emerson, assistant
teachers. Boylston School - E. A. T. Fitzpatrick, Susan Hunt, Margaret
L. Emery, Myra Hunt, Harriet E. Emery, Clarinda P. S. Fernald,
assistant teachers - Winthrop School - ~~James S. Thompson~~, usher,
Abby A. S. Walker, Nancy Brooks, Eliza L. Fell, & Evelina Crane
assistant teachers. Johnson School - Justin Field, Jmd. Usher, Rebecca
P. Barry, Elizabeth S. Towne, Lydia Towne, Mary E. Cotting, Sarah
Ann Belling, Helen Dorr, assistant teachers ~~Edward L. Fernald~~ not yet appointed
teacher of writing in the Winthrop & Johnson schools. Franklin
school, Joseph T. Swan, Usher, Margaret Mann, Abba Ann Curtis,
Harriet J. Tirrell, Harriet W. Goodridge, Sarah Ann Gale, Harriet
M. Chapin, assistant teachers. Howes School - Jonathan Britten, Jmd.
Usher - Sarah P. Sprague, Louisa B. Braid, Susan B. Cook & Lucy
Floyd, assistant teachers. Lyman School - Mary A. Shorton, assistant
teacher. Smith School - Sarah Forbes & Susan Paul, assistant teachers.

Voted, that M^r. Walker, masters of the Mayhew school
Mayhew school, be allowed his full salary commencing this
day. And that W^m. Allen's salary late usher, & acting master
in the absence of W^m. Walker, be allowed to the end of the
current quarter.

Resolved, that this board view with School dinner
regret the recent action of a branch of the City Council, whereby
the

106.

The annual school dinner for the present year is dispensed with. And the board hope that the omission of the festival may not be considered an established precedent.

Voted, that the meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on Tuesday, the 28th instant, at four o'clock, P.M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest:

J. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at the Aldermen's room, City Hall, on Tuesday the 28th day of August, A. D. 1838.

Present:

The Chairman and Messrs Robinson, Cunningham, Leach, Emerson, Rogers, Wigglesworth, Lathrop, Davis, Gay, Smith, Pierpont, Perry, Flint, Conolly & Barnard.

Smith's geography.

Voted, that Smith's geography & Atlas be referred to the committee on books.

Music.

The committee on music, appointed at the last meeting of the board to ascertain at what cost instruction in vocal music can be given in the public schools, report, that such instruction may be obtained at an expense of not more than \$120 per annum, for every school into which it may be introduced

introduced. For the committee - J. Kemper Davis.

107.

Read and accepted.

Resolved, That the committee on music Music
be instructed to contract with a teacher of vocal music in the Com. to contract
several public schools of the City, at an expense of not more
than \$120 per annum for each school, excepting the Syman &
Smith schools, the teacher in which shall not receive more than
the sum of \$60 per annum.

Resolved, That the instruction in vocal
music shall commence in the several public schools, whenever
the sub-committees of the several schools respectively shall de-
termine, shall be carried into effect under the following regu-
lations. First. Not more than two hours in the week shall
be devoted to this exercise.

Second. The instruction shall be given at stated &
fixed times throughout the City & until otherwise ordered in
accordance with the following schedule.

1 st hour morning session.	Monday & Thursday.	Last hour morning session
Eliot.		Wancock
1 hour d. ^a	Tuesday & Friday.	Last hour d. ^a
Mayhew.		Bowdoin
1 hour d. ^a	Wednesday & Saturday.	Last hour d. ^a
Wells.		Adams.
1 hour afternoon session.	Monday & Thursday.	Last hour afternoon session
Boylston		Winthrop.
1 hour d. ^a	Tuesday & Friday	Last hour d. ^a
Johnson.		Franklin
1 hour morning session	Monday & Thursday.	Last hour morning session
Latin		English High.

1st hour morning session. Tuesday & Thursday - Last hour morning session.
Hawes. Lyman

Smith's school.

1st hour morning session.

Last hour morning session.

Wednesday.

Saturday.

Third. During the times the school is under the instruction of the teacher of vocal music, the discipline of the school shall still continue under the charge of the master or masters of the school, who shall be present whilst the instruction is given, & shall organize the scholars for that purpose, in such arrangement as the teacher in music may desire.

Read and accepted.

Order of attendance
of pupils.

Resolved, That the order of attendance in the several grammar & writing schools where both sexes attend shall be as follows: On the first week after the August vacation, the boys shall attend the grammar school, & the girls the writing school in the morning; & the boys shall attend the writing school, & the girls the grammar school in the afternoon. The week following the order shall be reversed, & this alternation shall continue through the year; the week of vacation in June not being counted.

Resolved, That in the schools where only one sex attends the several classes shall be divided into two divisions nearly equal in numbers, & the order of attendance shall be as follows. On the first week after the August vacation, the first divisions shall attend the grammar school, & the second divisions the ~~grammar~~ ~~school~~ writing school in the morning; and the second divisions the grammar school, and the first divisions the writing school in the afternoon. The week following the order shall be reversed, & this alternation shall be continued through the year, the week of vacation in June not being counted.

Ordered, that the orders respecting the in- 109.
troduction of music into the schools, together with order of ab- Music
tendance of the pupils be sent to each master.

Ordered, that the subject of appropri Appropriations
ations be referred to the chairman of this board, to make
such communication to the City Council respecting the same
as he may deem expedient.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

(w. F. M. Coleary,

Secretary.)

At a special meeting of the School Committee
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the second
day of October, Anno Domini, 1838.

Present -

The chairman Mess^{rs} Maret, Stow, Robinson, Cunningham,
Palmer, Leach, Emerson, Rogers, Wigglesworth, Winslow, Andrews, Parker,
Perry and Barnard.

The Secretary being absent, William Hayden, Sec. pro tem.
Jun^r was chosen secretary pro tempore.

Petition of Josiah Baldwin, Father, parents & Franklin Sch.
guardians of the pupils of the Franklin School, praying that the
boys & girls have one room & one principal teacher assigned them
for the whole year. Read & thereupon ordered that the same be
referred to the next quarterly meeting.

Communication from Charles Fox, master of the Berylston school, stating, "that the general training this year was out of the City, in consequence of which there was no vacation on that day. Next Thursday there is to be a military parade of uncommon interest on the Common." Also stating that "the boys are desirous that school should not be kept on that day, and that it ought to go for muster." Read & thereupon ordered, that the schools be not kept on Thursday next, that vacation to be in lieu of the day of general training.

Lombard's
map exhibitor-

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Mr. Lombard, respecting the introduction into the public schools, of his apparatus for exhibiting maps, respectfully report, that they have examined one of his maps exhibitors now in use at the Wells school, that they find it much approved by Mr. Walker, the master, & that it seems to them that something of the sort would be quite useful in the schools; but that the present apparatus is too complex & expensive. They therefore recommend, that the petition be recommitted to them, with instructions to confer with Mr. Lombard & ascertain whether he can simplify the apparatus & reduce the expense of it as much as the committee may deem desirable, & to report it at a subsequent meeting.

For the committee - Edward Wigglesworth.

Read & accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned -

Attest,

- Wm. Hayden Secy pro tem.

A certificate of the number of persons between the ages of 4 & 16, also of the sum raised by the City, for paying the wages of instructors solely, viz. N. of persons 17,480 - sum raised \$80,250, was made signed by a majority of the School com. & sworn to before Wm. Hayden, J. Just. peace - ordered to be ret. according to law.

(At a quarterly meeting of the School 111.
committees of the City
of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday the thirteenth day of
November, Anno Domini, 1838.

Present-

The Chairman - Messrs. Maret, Stow, Robinson, Cunningham,
Palmer, Leach, Robbins, Emerson, Rogers, Wigglesworth, Winslow,
Davis, Andrews, Gay, Smith, Pierpont, Flint & Barnard.

Quarterly reports were made by the Quarterly
sub-committees of all the Schools, which were severally read, Reports
and accepted.

The sub-committee of the Latin School among Latin
other things reported, "that the school opens at half past two o'clock
and this found to be an inconvenient time, most of the
families of the pupils dine at two, or a little after, & the pupils
are thus under the necessity of either anticipating their regular din-
ner with their families, or of being tardy at School. The sub-committee
would therefore respectfully suggest & recommend, that the school
should be continued in the forenoon until half past twelve
o'clock, & opened in the afternoon at three, or that it be
continued in the forenoon until two o'clock, & not resumed
in the afternoon. This regulation to be adopted during the three
winter months" Which report was accepted & ordered accord-
ingly.

The sub-committee of the Johnson school among Johnson
other things reported, that "On the first of October, Mr. Field School
signed his situation as usher, & on the 29th Mr. Andrew J.
Loud was elected in his place. Report accepted, and said
nominations confirmed.

Winthrop
School.

The sub-committee of the Winthrop School among other things reported, that since the last report to the board the services of one female teacher have been dispensed with, and Mr. David French has been employed as cashier. The committee recommended him for appointment to that office. Report accepted & said nomination was confirmed.

Baldwin
Franklin School.

The board took into consideration the petition of Josiah Baldwin, Father, parents & guardians of the pupils of the Franklin School, praying, that the boys & girls have one room & one principal instructor assigned them for the whole year, which was referred from the last meeting; and upon the question of granting the prayer of said petition, it was decided in the negative.

Corporal punish^t.

The following motion was made, & referred to the Rev. Messrs Pierpont & Robbins and Doctor Flint, to consider & report, viz: Ordered, that the grammar & writing masters be directed to keep a record of every instance of corporal punishment inflicted in their departments.

Lombard,
map exhibit.

The committee on books, having conferred with Mr. Lombard respecting his map exhibit, have induced him to prepare a small model of a simple construction, than the exhibits in use at the Wells school. It appears to the committee, that it would make the large maps in the schools much more useful than they now are & they recommend that Mr. Lombard be employed to prepare map exhibits similar in construction to his model for the several grammar schools. The price asked for the machine is thirty dollars.

In the committee -

Ed. Wigglesworth

Report read & accepted.

The sub-committee nominated Francis 113.
Thompson and George Frederick Ware, as visitors of the Latin Sch.
School. Which nomination was confirmed, & they were appoint-
ed accordingly.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourn-
ed, to meet at this place on Tuesday next, four o'clock
P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest,

Wm. Cleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of
the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the twentieth
day of November, Anno Domini, 1838.

Present.

The Chairman Messrs. Warett, Stow, Robinson, Cunningham,
Palmer, Robbins, Emerson, Eveleth, Rogers, Wigglesworth, Davis, Andrews,
Smith, Pierpont, Parker, Flint & Barnard.

The committee, to whom, at the last meeting, Corporal
of this board, was referred, for consideration the subject of corporal pun- punishment.
ishment in the schools under its control, Reported, as on file, to
which was appended the following orders.

1. Ordered, That from & after the close of the ensuing Thanksgiving
holidays, no corporal punishment shall, during the session, of the school,
be inflicted in any one of the schools under the control of this board,
other than such a degree of restraint or confinement, as may be most
consistent with the health of the subject, & the business of the school.
But that, when any corporal chastisement must be inflicted, it shall

114. be done either during a recess, or after the dismissal of the school, in the morning or afternoon.

2. Ordered, That, whenever such punishment is thus inflicted, it shall be done in the presence of all the teachers then attached to the school of which the pupil is a member.

3. Ordered, That the principal teacher in each department of the several schools of the City, that consist of more than one department, shall from and after the time above specified, keep an exact record of every case of corporal punishment inflicted in that department; stating the time, cause, and form of the punishment, with the name of the subject of it; which record shall, at all times, be accessible to any member of the sub-committee of the school in which the punishment has been inflicted.

After some discussion, the foregoing orders were referred to a committee of the whole board. Mr. Marette in the Chair.

The committee of the whole board having had the subject under consideration, reported, progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Which request was granted.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned, to meet at this place on Tuesday, next, four o'clock P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest,

(S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.)

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty seventh day of November, A. 1838 115.
Present.

The Chairman and the whole board of School committee except Messrs Olney, Hayes, Parker, Flint & Conolly.

It has become the melancholly duty of the sub committee of the Mayhew School, in this, a special report, to announce to the board, the death of W. Moses W. Walker, master of the grammar department of said school. He died on the 22^d of the present month; only two weeks after suspending his labors in the school. The committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

For the sub com. E. F. Emerson.

Ordered, That the salary of W. Moses W. Walker, be continued for the benefit of his widow & children, until three months after the close of the current quarter.

Read, accepted, & the order passed.

The board again resolved itself into corporal punishment a committee of the whole, Mr. Marshall in the chair, on the orders reported at the last meeting of this board, on the subject of corporal punishment in the schools, and after discussion, the committee rose and reported, that said orders ought not to pass. The question was taken upon the adoption of said orders, and was decided in the negative.

Ordered, that the Secretary advertise, that Mayhew School applications will be received until Tuesday next, for the office of
master

116. master of the grammar department of the Mayhew School,
in place of Mr. Walker deceased.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet
at this place on Tuesday next, four o'clock P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

(Attest,

F. M. Cleary,

Secretary.)

Corporal punishment.

Whereas charges have been made in this board,
against certain masters in the public schools of this City, that
they have exercised corporal punishment in a manner un-
justifiable and contrary to the express regulations of the school
committee—therefore,

Ordered, that Messrs. Robbins, Emerson &
Lothrop be a committee to inquire into the truth of such
accusations, and report at the next meeting.

The above vote was passed at the meeting of
the School committee, Nov. 27. 1838, but was omitted thro' mistake
and is here inserted.

(Attest,

F. M. Cleary,

Secretary.)

A meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourth day of December, Anno Domini, 1838.

117.

Presents.

The Chairman and the whole board of School com^{ee} except Mess^{rs} Hays, & Conolly.

The board resolved itself into a committee of the whole Mr. Marett, in the Chair.

The several applications for Master of the Mayhew Sch. grammar Department of the Mayhew School, and the documents accompanying the same were referred to the committee of the whole. The committee of the whole having had the above subject under consideration, reported, that they had examined the several applications and documents accompanying the same, and recommended William D. Swan, as a suitable person to fill the office of master of the grammar department in the Mayhew School.

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of master of the grammar department of the Mayhew School, and the votes being taken it appeared that William D. Swan was chosen.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place on Tuesday next, ^{4 o'clock,} P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest.

B. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of December, A. D. 1838.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board of School committee except Messrs Stow, Olney, Hayes, Winslow, Parker, Leonard, Barnard & Cunningham.

Secretary

Ordered, that there be paid to the Secretary of this board, one hundred fifty dollars, in full for his services, the current year.

Messenger

Ordered, that there be paid to the Messenger of this board one hundred dollars, in full for his services the current year.

Corporal Punishment

The committee appointed upon the subject of corporal punishment in the schools reported, that they addressed circulars to the several masters, and that they had received answers from them. The following are the several queries viz.

1. What modes of punishment are used in your department of the school?—
2. For offences of what class, or classes, is it your custom to resort to corporal punishment?—
3. When you punish corporeally, what instruments do you use, and how do you apply them?—
4. When you punish corporeally, do you invariably preface & accompany the infliction with a serious address to the moral nature of the offending child?—
5. Do you keep a record of all, or of any class of the punishments that are inflicted in your department?—
6. Do you consider corporeal punishment, ~~as~~ at the present time indispensable to the best conduct of your school.

7. Does your experience as an Instructor in the Boston Schools lead you to the opinion that corporal punishment is gradually becoming less frequent & less severe, & that it is desirable for a teacher diligently to endeavor to abstain from it, and, if possible, dispense with it entirely? 119.

After discussion, and the several answers of the masters being read, the subject was recommitted to the same committee.

The sub committee of the Wells School ask leave Wells Sch. respectfully to report to the board, that several representations have been Corporal Punishment made to them, by six or eight of the most respectable gentlemen of ward 5, whose children attend the Wells school, of instances of the severe, unjust & improper infliction of corporal punishment on the part of Mr. Walker, the grammar master of said school. Some of these gentlemen have heretofore been to the school & remonstrated with Mr. Walker personally on the subject, but finding their remonstrances & cautions unheeded they determined upon laying their complaint in a body before the committee. They represent that their children have frequently been whipped & whipped severely for merely mispelling a word in their lessons, that particularly in parsing, which is all darkness & mystery to beginners, & in which to most advanced, correctness of recitation is matter of judgment, & not of memory, that in particular young children ten & eleven years old, children in the 3^d division of the school, have been struck several blows for simply not parsing correctly. They represent also that Mr. Walker punishes ignorantly, i.e. that pupils are sent up to the platform by some one of the assistant teachers, & that Mr. Walker without making any inquiry either of the teacher who sent up the pupil, or of the pupil, without the slightest investigation & consequently without understanding the nature of the offence, & the degree of punishment that is proper, save from the general knowledge he may have by distant observation of what has transpired, immediate corporal punishment. Representations of

120. of this kind have been made several times during the past year, & were so strenuously urged a few months since, that one of the sub-committee of the school went to the school room, & in a personal & private interview with Mr. Walker advised & cautioned him upon this point. This advice & caution have not been effectual in stopping the complaints; they have been made within the last few days, by gentlemen so calm, judicious & friendly to the schools, by gentlemen also who admit the propriety & necessity of occasional resort to corporal punishment, that the committee feel that there may be some ground for them. They beg leave therefore to bring the matter before the whole committee for instruction & for such further action as the board in its wisdom may deem fit & expedient. All which is respectfully submitted. S. K. Lothrop, for the committee of Wells school.

Read and referred to the committee who have under consideration the subject of corporal punishment in the schools

Medals

The committee appointed to consider the subject of the annual distribution of medals in the public schools, & whether there are any evils in the present mode of awarding them, and the practicable remedies therefor, made a report together with the following resolutions and order - viz:

Resolved, That after the first day of January 1839, there shall be an arithmetical scale of rank kept by the masters of the respective schools, of the class containing the candidates for the Franklin and City Medals, in conformity to the principles of the foregoing report. -

Resolved, That no examination for these medals of the scholars by the committee, be hereafter made, but that the medals be awarded by the scholars themselves, according to the arithmetical result of this scale.

Ordered,

Ordered, That these resolutions, together 121.
with the report, be transmitted to the respective masters & that
they be directed to communicate the same to the pupils of their
several schools. The foregoing resolutions and order were
passed by a unanimous vote, and thereupon ordered that
two hundred copies of the report be printed.

Voted, that the sub-committee of the Eliot School
Eliot school be authorized to appoint two additional assistant
teachers for said school.

On motion of Dr. Palmer, who stated Johnson
that James Johnson, Jr. was one of the survivors of the passengers on
board the Steamer Pulaski, which vessel was wrecked at sea; and
altho' said Johnson got safe on shore with his trunk he was
afterwards plundered of all he had, in which was included his
Franklin medal? Therefore?

Ordered, that the Secretary of this
board be empowered to procure for James Johnson, Junior, a medal
similar to that received by him at the English High School, in
the year 1835.

On motion of M^r. Emerson, the following res- Chairman
olved passed by a unanimous vote. votes of
thanks to.

Resolved, That the thanks of the School com-
mittee be presented to His Honor the Mayor, for the constant in-
terest he has manifested in the public schools, and the urbanity
with which he has presided over the deliberations of this board.

To which the Mayor made a pertinent reply.

The meeting was then adjourned without day.

Attest, E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

Latin.Boys.Winthrop.

Edward Rogers

James C. Merrill, Jr.

George W. Gay.

English High

Charles Howard Bailey

Wm Otis Edmonds

Fred^k Wm LoapenBenj^m Marshall Lewis

Frederick Warren

Grindall Reynolds.

Latin.

Joshua A. Jones

Wm M. Leopold

Sylvanus W. Whorf

Norton Newcomb, Jr.

Tho^s H. Chandler

George A. Smith.

Mayhew.Chas^s Shaw Cutler

Wm Eustis Frost

Henry Fayette Lane

Winslow Lewis Barker

Wm Eustis Daniels

John Brooks Thomas

Smith.Books awarded.

Frederick Barbadoos - Isaac Snowden.

Benjamin Fowler.

James L. Abbot

Edward Frothingham

Henry L. Mallett.

Russell J. Parker

L. Adams Willard.

Boylston.

Geo. H. A. L. Thomas

Morace F. Breed.

Geo. S. Hammett.

Adams.

William Perry

Thomas H. Perkins

Charles M. Stone.

Wells.

James Otis.

James A. Dugan

David C. Perrin.

Franklin

John Sweetser

Daniel S. Francis.

Wm L. Gavett.

Kawes

William S. Thacher

William McCarthy

Edward H. Rogers.

Johnson.

Girls.

Hancock.

123.

Mary Hall Stodder
Mary Green Hunt
Rebecca Jane Kurtz
Marriet F. Martin
Lydia E. C. Morse
Margaret Dyle.

Bowdoin.

Mary F. Norton
Helen Leavitt
Elizabeth M. Intire
Matilda Russell
Martha West
Caroline B. Williams.

Wells.

Caroline F. Howley
Harriet F. Lewis
Lucy A. Bazin.

Adams.

Sarah F. Prince
Julia F. Sprague
Sarah E. Tead.

Smith.

Books awarded.

Hannah Hall — Frances Tash — Rosanna Sewall.

Martha R. Baker

Mary M. Parsons

Margaret C. Smith

Catharine A. B. Shed

Caroline A. Stockwell

Frances E. Wilkins.

Boylston.

Augusta Stevenson Owen
Susan Deborah Burgess
Mary Ann M. Mellen.

Lyman.

Emeline A. Pierce
Abigail F. Ward.

Franklin.

Harriet E. Sweetser
Ann E. Bullard
Cecelia Louisa Gale.

Hawes

Charlotte A. Ance
Maria J. Briggs
Susan C. Fernald.

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(H) a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the eighth day of January, Anno Domini, 1839.

The following gentlemen compose the School committee the present year.

Samuel A. Eliot, Mayor, Chairman.

Philip Marrett, President of the Common Council.

From the wards.

Ward No 1. Rev. Baron Stow & Rev. William Croswell.

" " 2. Stephen W. Olney & Henry Fowler.

" " 3. Ezra Palmer, Jr. & Rev. Rollin H. Neale.

" " 4. Rev. Chandler Robbins & Rev. Wm W. Newell.

" " 5. Frederick Emerson & Abraham S. Snow.

" " 6. Henry B. Rogers & Rev. John L. Watson.

" " 7. Rev. Saml. K. Lathrop & Rev. Hubbard Winslow.

" " 8. Martin Gay & Samuel G. Howe.

" " 9. William Parker & Edward Wigglesworth.

" " 10. Marshall S. Perry & John S. Flint.

" " 11. George Sparhawk & William P. Jarvis.

" " 12. Rev. Benj. Whetstone & C. J. F. Allen.

All the above named Gentlemen appeared & took their seats.

The board was called to order by the Mayor who by the rules is ex officio chairman.

Secretary

Voted, to proceed to the choice of Secretary, by ballot; and the votes being taken, it appeared that Samuel E. McLeary was chosen.

Chairman's address.

The Chairman then made an address to the board. —

Ordered, That the Secretary be instructed, 125  
to request, in the name of the board, a copy of the Chair- Chairman's address  
man's address, and that three hundred copies of the same to be printed.  
be printed. And also that it be published in the news-  
papers.

Voted, that the rules & regulations of the Rules & regulations  
School committee of the last year be adopted & remain in force,  
until the further order of this board. Also the rules & orders  
for the government of the members of the board, when in session.

The following sub or visiting committees Sub committees.  
were nominated and appointed, viz:

|                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Latin. The Mayor,                  | English High. Mep <sup>r</sup> Stow, |
| Mep <sup>r</sup> Wigglesworth,     | Perry,                               |
| Robbins,                           | Palmer,                              |
| Winslow &                          | Howe &                               |
| Croswell.                          | Whittemore.                          |
| Gymnasium. Mep <sup>r</sup> Newell | Eliot. Mep <sup>r</sup> Croswell     |
| Olney &                            | Stow &                               |
| Fowle.                             | Olney.                               |
| Moncock. Mep <sup>r</sup> Palmer,  | Mayhew. Mep <sup>r</sup> Emerson     |
| Neale &                            | Robbins &                            |
| Fowle.                             | Low.                                 |
| Bowdoin. Mep <sup>r</sup> Winslow, | Doghton. Mep <sup>r</sup> Howe,      |
| Emerson &                          | Gay &                                |
| Lothrop.                           | Wigglesworth.                        |
| Adams. Mep <sup>r</sup> Parker,    | Franklin. Mep <sup>r</sup> Flint,    |
| Watson &                           | Sparhawk &                           |
| Gay.                               | Jarvis.                              |

126. Wells. Mep<sup>r</sup>: Lothrop,  
Rogers &  
Neale.

Johnson. Mep<sup>r</sup>: Perry,  
Allen &  
Lewis.

Smith. Mep<sup>r</sup>: Rogers, Watson and Lowe.

On books. Mep<sup>r</sup>: Wigglesworth, Winslow, Palmer, Perry and  
Neale.

Prim. Sch. Com<sup>ee</sup>  
to confer with

Voted, That Mep<sup>r</sup>: Howe, Robbins & Emerson be  
a committee to confer with the primary school committee.

School houses

Ordered, That the Chairman together with Mep<sup>r</sup>:  
Palmer and Howe be a committee to prepare and report a  
plan of school houses in accordance with the suggestions contained  
in the Chairman's address.

Prim. Sch. com<sup>ee</sup>

Ordered, that Mep<sup>r</sup>: Stow, Perry & Lothrop be a  
committee to report a list of names of members of the primary school  
committee, to be appointed by this board.

Books com<sup>ee</sup>  
instructed

Moral instruction

<sup>25</sup>Resolved, that the committee on books be in-  
structed, to consider and report upon the expediency of adopt-  
ing some more efficient method for the moral instruction of  
pupils in our public schools; And especially to enquire, whether  
or any books or studies can be advantageously introduced, into  
them, which are designed to explain and enforce the duties  
of the individual in the various relations of life and to de-  
velop and improve his moral feelings and habits.

Remonstrance -

Remonstrance of D. Nickerson, and others, 127.

Inhabitants and legal voters of ward N<sup>o</sup> 12, against the return of Nickerson.  
the members as elected on the committee from said ward. Ward N<sup>o</sup> 12

Which was read, as also the report of the committee on the Remonstrance.  
election of a member of the School committee in ward N<sup>o</sup> 5, &  
accepted by said committee in the year 1837, respecting the  
elections of members of this board, and declaring that this board  
has no jurisdiction in the premises. It was thereupon ordered,  
that the remonstrance aforesaid from ward N<sup>o</sup> 12 be placed on  
file.

Ordered, That the Secretary furnish each candidate for  
member of this board with a copy of the list of candidates Prim: etc. com:  
for members of the primary School committee.

Adjourned to Tuesday the 22<sup>d</sup> instant, at 4 o'clock  
P. M.

Attest,

(J. S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee  
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday the  
twenty second day of January, Anno Domini, 1839.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board of Sch. committee except Messrs.  
Neale, Watson, & Gay.

A motion was made to amend the regulations on  
tions, by striking out the 12<sup>d</sup> § of 1<sup>st</sup> Chap: "All proposed amendments amending  
of the regulations shall lie upon the table at least two weeks."

Which motions were laid upon the table. A motion to amend the  
regulations respecting the admission of pupils to the Latin and  
English—

English High School was referred to Messrs Stow, Emerson and Higginbotham. The said committee were instructed to incorporate the regulations and the rules and orders into one, after a revision of the same.

Masters of grammar

Writing schools

Memorial of Abraham Andrews, and others, masters of the grammar and writing schools, respecting the rules adopted by the school committee for the distribution of medals, and praying that an alteration may be made therein. Read and referred to Messrs Winslow, Palmer and Mower, to consider & report.

Shipley

Seats in School houses.

Petition of S. G. Shipley, and others, stating the increasing prevalence of diseases of the spine, among young females educated in the public schools, owing as they attributed to the peculiar construction of the seats in which no support is provided for the back; and praying that an alteration of the seats may be made, so as to remedy the evil complained of. Read and referred to the Chairman of this board, with instruction to provide such seats as may be deemed suitable.

Pupil on admitting

to English High School.

A motion was made that Joshua A. Jones be admitted for examination as a pupil of the English High School. Which motion was referred to the sub committee of that School, to consider & report.

Primary School

Committee

The committee appointed to report a list of candidates for members of the committee of the primary schools, reported such list, which was printed and distributed to the members of this board. And the same being amended by striking from the same sundry names, the following gentlemen were nominated and appointed members of said committee, 1875

The following are the names of the primary school  
 committee, nominated, & appointed to have the care & superintendence of the primary schools of the  
 committee.

|                     |                      |                    |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Thomas Adams        | Augustus A. Gould    | Aaron Ordway       |
| Henry B. Andrews    | John Gulliver        | George W. Otis     |
| Richard Austin      | Samuel W. Hall       | Aurelius D. Parker |
| Jason D. Battles    | Eliphalet P. Haskins | Wendell Phillips   |
| Charles C. Barry    | Henry Hatch          | Lewis G. Pray      |
| Thomas J. Bayley    | Guy C. Haynes        | Sho. Resteau       |
| Nicholas Bealington | Daniel Hinchman      | A. J. Richardson   |
| Israel W. Bourne    | Enoch Hobart         | Henry B. Rogers    |
| Francis Brown       | William Howe         | George Rogers      |
| Josiah C. Burnstead | Loranston Howe       | Henry Safford      |
| Francis Bullard     | Willis Howes         | John T. Sargent    |
| John Center         | Joseph W. Ingraham   | Sam. E. Sewall     |
| Thomas C. Chase     | Edmund Jackson       | Alvan Simonds      |
| Samuel Chapman      | William P. Jarvis    | Sam. G. Simpkins   |
| Henry Clapp         | William C. Jenkins   | Fred. A. Sumner    |
| Henry G. Clark      | Ebenezer Jones       | John B. Webb       |
| Elijah Cobb         | Bozai Lincoln        | F. H. Medman       |
| Daniel C. Coit      | G. H. Lodge          | Aaron Sweet        |
| Lorenzo S. Cragin   | Samuel McBurney      | E. L. Teed         |
| Joseph Cuntis       | John B. McCreary     | Wm. D. Tichenor    |
| Joseph Dall         | Nehemiah T. Mann     | Sam. H. Walley     |
| James B. Dow        | Francis C. Manning   | Wm. I. Weeks       |
| Elisha Field        | Hugh Montgomery      | Ezra Weston Jr.    |
| John Flint          | Joseph Moriarty      | James K. Whipple   |
| William R. Gavett   | Lewis M. Morris      | Abner B. Wheeler   |
| Martin Gay          | Samuel F. Morse      | Samuel Wheeler     |
| Andrew Geyers       | Marvey Newcomb       | Chas. G. Wyman     |
| Christopher Gore    | Rufus G. Norris      |                    |

Primary Schools  
Com<sup>tee</sup> on

(Ordered, That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mower, Penny, & Neale, be a committee to inquire into the origin of the primary schools, and the primary school committee; into the authority of said committee, and the extent to which said schools, & said committee, are subject to the supervision of this board, and report thereon.

Schools, on moral

The committee on books who were instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of adopting some more efficient method for the moral instruction of the pupils in our public schools. And especially to inquire whether any books or studies can be advantageously introduced into them, which are designed to explain & enforce the duties of the individual in the various relations of life; to develop & improve his moral feelings and habits. Respectfully report, That they have the highest sense of the importance of the moral & religious instruction of the young. Moral improvement is the great end of life. Intellectual training gives a man increased power; but unless the moral faculties have received a right direction it is an increased power to do evil. The true superiority of an educated man over an uneducated one, consists in his ability to perform better the various duties which he owes to himself, & to others. We are bound to give to the pupils of the schools under our care, the best means of moral improvement which the state of the schools & of the community will admit. But we must be careful not to seek the substantial good which we possess by striving for greater which we have little prospect of attaining. The schools in their present state are productive of most important benefits to the community. Can we reasonably expect to increase their usefulness by introducing into them decided changes for the purpose of conveying more moral & religious instruction to the pupils.

In replying to this question, your committee would premise that 131.  
The pupils of our schools are now under good moral influences.  
Their teachers are discreet & worthy men, who preserve good discipline,  
punish immoral conduct & habitually read the scripture and offer  
prayers in their presence. The reading books used contain numerous  
pieces of a professedly moral & religious character, and their contents  
in general have a good moral tendency. If the instructors earnestly  
desire the moral improvement of their pupils, the means now  
at their command will enable them to do much. If they are  
indifferent or luke warm on the subject, any additional means  
which we could provide would probably be of little avail.  
But on the supposition that we were to attempt to provide  
such additional means, what course should be adopted? Should  
we set aside the present reading books & introduce others?  
So important a step as this, your committee think ought not  
to be taken, unless a strong feeling of dissatisfaction with the  
present reading books should be shown to exist. This your com-  
mittee do not understand to be the case. On the contrary, they  
believe that the books are generally considered good. In their  
opinion therefore, they ought to be retained until better ones are  
brought forward. When new books shall be presented for our  
consideration, as being decidedly superior to those now in use,  
then will be the time for us to inquire whether the present  
ones should be given up. But if it is not desirable to  
introduce new reading books at present, the only remaining  
mode of effecting the end proposed seems to be to add to the  
studies now pursued, a course of direct moral & religious instruc-  
tion. If this be done, then the amount of instruction given in  
the branches now pursued must be diminished, or the pupils  
must be urged to greater exertions. With respect to the latter  
part

part of the alternative, we presume that the board will not vote for stimulating the pupils to greater efforts, immediately after expressing the opinion that they are subjected to too much stimulus already. Shall we then adopt the other mode, that is contract the present course of studies in order to introduce a distinct branch of moral & religious instruction? Your committee think that we should not; because, in the first place, they see little or no advantage to be gained by it, & in the next place, they see decided objections to it. They think that little or no advantage would be gained by it, for this reason; viz: that if the pupils receive proper moral & religious instruction at home; at church, & in the Sunday school, then formal teaching for a few minutes in the day at a grammar school would ~~but~~ add but little to what they would acquire elsewhere; & if they are not properly instructed out of the school then it would make hardly any impression on their minds. Moreover to repeat what has been said above, the moral improvement of pupils depends far less upon any prescribed course of instruction than upon the character of the masters. If they are not men of the right spirit, any course of moral instruction which we could mark out would be of little avail; & if they are properly interested in the subject, then the means now at their command will enable them to effect all that we have a right to expect from them. For these reasons, the committee ~~now~~ can see little or no advantage likely to arise from such a change as they have been considering. But they go further. They see decided objections to it founded on the state of the public sentiment respecting this subject. If we introduce a formal course of moral instruction into the schools, religious instruction must of course be connected with it. The basis of morality is religion. In teaching a system of morals we must lay down a system of religion as its foundation

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foundation. Now we all know how great a diversity of opinion  
on religious subjects prevails in our community. The moment that  
we go beyond the first principle of religion (the great truth which  
in a state of society like ours are almost breathed in with the  
vital air, & which we could not prevent from being taught in the  
schools were we disposed to make the attempt) the moment that  
we go beyond these great truths, we come to the point of divi-  
sion; so that your committee conceive that it would be impos-  
sible to provide a course of religious instruction for the pupils  
which would not offend a great part of the parents. There is  
nothing of which men are more jealous, than of interference in  
the religious education of their children. & the usefulness of our  
public schools would be essentially impaired, if it were supposed  
that the doctrines of any particular sect were taught therein.

Your committee highly respect that feeling of interest in the moral  
improvement of the schools which has brought this subject before the  
board. But for the reasons above given they cannot recommend  
any great & sudden change for the attainment of the desired end.  
If the board will be careful to select teachers who will be solici-  
tous to make their pupils better, as well as wiser; if the sub-committees  
of the several schools will watch the deportment of the masters & their  
modes of discipline & instruction, suggesting from time to time amendments  
& improvements where they are needed, all will be done which your  
committee would recommend at present. Your committee do not doubt  
that great improvements may be made in the schools. But they  
wish to avoid undue haste. The means will come with the  
progress of time. New books will be produced. The principles  
of instruction and discipline will be more and more improved;  
and if the board are attentive to use all the means of im-  
provement which have a value beyond reasonable question, the

progress

134. progress of the schools will be as rapid as public sentiment will permit; as rapid as it can safely be.

For the Committee, Edward Wigglesworth.

The foregoing report was read & accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest.

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday the twelfth day of February, A. D. 1839.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board of School committee, except Messrs Olney and Gay.

Semi annual returns. Semi annual returns were made by the masters of all the schools, which were read and filed.

Quarterly reports. Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the schools, which were read & accepted.

Lawkes—Petition of Ezra Hawkes praying leave to have the  
Hawkes. care of the stoves in the several schools. Read & referred to Messrs. Mallett and Palmer, to consider and report.

Welch. Petition of John Welch, praying that his son may be transferred from the Latin to the English High School. Ref'd to the committee on the latter school, with full power.

Petition of Logan and Thompson, praying that  
a history of the United States by John Russell, may be adopted  
to be studied in the schools. Referred to the com<sup>ee</sup> on books. 135.  
History U.S.

The committee to whom was referred the  
memorial of the masters of the schools, on the subject of medals,  
made a report, which was read and laid on the table. Medals

The sub-committee who were appointed to  
inquire into the origin of the primary schools, and of the primary  
school committee into the authority of said committee, and the  
extent to which those schools and their committee are subject to  
the supervision of this board, made a report which was read  
and laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed. Primary Schools

The sub-committee of the Latin School among  
other things reported, that the teachers complain much of the im-  
perfect ventilation of the rooms, & of the inconvenient means used for  
heating them; also of the forms at which a part of the pupils are  
obliged to sit too close to each other & without sufficient room for  
their books. These forms they wish to have removed & desks sub-  
stituted. The committee recommend, that the chairman of the  
board be requested to take measures for remedying those defects. Latin School

The sub-committee of the English High  
School, among other things reported, that as the compensation  
allowed M<sup>r</sup>. Stratton, the aporiate teacher of penmanship is in-  
adequate to the support of his family, and as he now has the  
opportunity to render a similar service in the Roxbury High  
School, and thus increase his means of sustenance, the committee  
recommend English High School.

136. recommend that he be permitted to avail himself of the offer, provided that no new engagement shall be allowed to interfere with the duties to which he is already pledged. The committee also recommend that Joshua F. Jones, whose application was referred to them, be admitted to examination, and, if found qualified, allowed to enter the school.

The committee beg leave in addition, to call the attention of those who have authority in the case, to some very inconvenient defect in the apparatus for warming the rooms occupied by this school. In the usher's room, particularly, the committee themselves, on the day of examination found it difficult to keep comfortable and the usher stated, that often during the present winter, the pupils had suffered exceedingly from the same cause. On accepting the report the rules of this committee were dispensed with, by a vote of more than three quarters of the members present.

Eliot  
School.

The sub-committee of the Eliot School among other things reported, that the present number of scholars is 506, average attendance about 440. The new school house has but 400 sittings. This number will be probably increasing constantly, until another school house is erected in that part of the City. To meet this exigency, the committee ask the advice and direction of the board, and would suggest the expediency of appointing a teacher to take temporary charge of the supernumeraries, in one of the unoccupied rooms in the lower part of the new building.

Adams  
School.

The sub-committee of the Adams School among other things reported, that since December 13. Miss Harriet D. Williams was appointed an assistant instructress in this school, and Susan M. Swan has been placed there temporarily, as an assistant during the absence of Mr. Bowker the usher who has not yet returned to the City. The committee recommend the confirmation of Miss Williams as an assistant instructress in the grammar department.

Resolved, That whenever the five north- 137.  
ern ~~schools~~ and western schools together number 250 scholars more. Northern and  
than their several schools rooms can accommodate a new school. Western schools  
shall be instituted in the northern part of the City, to be in-  
structed by a master, at a salary of        dollars, and two female  
teachers at salaries of 250 dollars each.

Resolved, That a committee, consisting  
of one member from each sub-committee of the three northern  
schools be appointed, with instruction to carry the above resolve  
into effect, at the proper time; by providing a hall for the tem-  
porary accommodation of the new school, - by advertising for a  
master, - by calling a meeting of the board for the election of a  
master, - by superintending the operations of the school.

The foregoing resolutions were read & passed  
and Messrs Palmer, Crowell and Newell were appointed the  
committee, and the subject of salary as above was referred to  
the same committee.

Ordered, That Messrs Snelling Stratton (Snelling Stratton  
no longer have the joint charge of the writing department in Latin & English  
the Latin and English High School; but that Mr. Snelling  
henceforth be the sole writing master for the Latin School & Mr.  
Stratton the sole writing master for the English High School.

Ordered, that a sum of money not exceed Smith School  
ing thirty five dollars be appropriated from the Smith fund, for the  
purchase of books for the indigent pupils of the Smith School.

Adjourned to Tuesday the twenty sixth day  
of February, instant, at four o'clock, P. M.

Attest, C. E. McLeary,

Secretary.

A meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday the twenty sixth day of February, A. D. 1839.

Present.

The Chairman - Messrs. Marcet, Stow, Olney, Palmer, Robbins, Newell, Emerson, Loring, Rogers, Winslow, Higginson, Torrey, and Whittemore.

Pupils & teachers.

The Secretary laid upon the table an abstract of the semi annual returns from the masters of the grammar and writing schools, containing the number of pupils & instructors in each school, and the number of female teachers each is entitled to have.

Rules & regulations.

The committee appointed to revise the rules & regulations of the School committee, and the rules & orders for the government of the board, with instructions to incorporate them into one, made a report, which was laid upon the table, & ordered to be printed, for the use of the members of this board.

Registers

A resolve was passed, requesting the Chairman, in the name of the School committee, to memorialize the Legislature, praying that the law which authorizes the board of Education to prescribe "a blank form of Register to be kept in all the town & district schools of the Commonwealth" to be repealed. On motion of the mover of this resolve, it was subsequently reconsidered, and laid on the table.

Eliot School -

The sub-committee of the Eliot School, reported, that the new school house was opened for the reception of the scholars, on Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. on which occasion they were addressed, by his Honor the Chairman of the board, much to the satisfaction of the committee. In consequence of the number of the scholars greatly exceeding the number

number of desks, the committee have appointed Miss Catherine Whelpling 139.  
to take charge of the supernumeraries, in the ward room; until a new  
school shall have been organized for their reception; and they respectfully  
requested the board to confirm the appointment. Read, accepted and  
she was appointed accordingly.

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Ezra Hawkes. Hawkes.  
respectfully report, that Mr. Hawkes was authorized  
by a resolution of the Board of Aldermen, passed Feb. 4. 1833, to take charge  
of the stores and funds of the public schools until the further order  
of that board: The provisions of the City Charter have vested the care  
& custody of the public buildings in the City Council; & the committee  
do not consider that this board has any jurisdiction over them except  
so far as relates to the superintendence of the schools established there-  
in, they therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw  
his petition, that he may address himself to the appropriate department  
of the government. Read and accepted.

Resolved, That William E. Forbes be transferred Forbes  
from the Latin School to the English High School, at the re-  
quest of his father.

Resolved, That this meeting be adjourned, to  
meet at this place, on Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March next, 4  
o'clock P. M.

Adjourned to that time & place accordingly.

Attest

J. H. C. Lewis,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, Anno Domini, 1839.

Present

Messrs. Marrett, Howe, Palmer, Neale, Newell, Emerson, Love, Rogers, Selthrop, Winslow, Gay, Howe, Wigglesworth, Perry, Sparhawk & Whittemore.

The Chairman being absent, Mr. Marrett was chosen Chairman pro tempore.

Primary School

The board took into consideration the report of the sub committee who were appointed to inquire into the origin of the primary schools, and of the primary school committee, and the extent to which those schools, and their committee are subject to the supervision of this board. The following are the resolutions reported by said committee, viz:

Resolved, That the primary school committee, is a sub committee of this board, & can only exercise such functions as this board may legally delegate to others.

Resolved, That it is the right, & the imperative duty of this board to exercise general supervision over all the schools of the City of Boston; & that its members should satisfy themselves, by personal observation, that the intention of the people is carried into execution, in the management of all the schools.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this board, it is desirable, that the primary school committee should be appointed directly by the people in ward meetings, or in some manner legally conjoined with the general committee.

A motion was made that said resolutions be indefinitely postponed, and after discussion, said motion pre-

-vailed.

ruled, and said report was indefinitely postponed accordingly. 145.

Adjourned to Thursday next, four o'clock, P. M.

Attest,

E. H. McLeary,

Secretary.

(At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Thursday, the fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1839.

Present

The Chairman, Messrs. Marrett, Stow, Olney, Fowler, Palmer, Neale, Emerson, Lowe, Lothrop, Winslow, Howe, Wigglesworth, Flint, Sparkhawk.

A communication was received from the Member resigns.  
Rev. Benjamin Whittamore, resigning his seat, as member of the Whittamore  
School committee. Read & thereupon ordered, that the same  
be referred to the Mayor & Aldermen.

The board took into consideration the Rules & Regulations  
rules of the School committee, and regulations of the public schools,  
as reported by the committee, upon those subjects, and various  
amendments being made, the same were accepted & passed  
as amended.

(Whereas the Legislature of the Commonwealth Registers  
have by law authorized the Board of Education to prescribe  
a blank form of a Register, to be kept in all the town & district  
schools in the Commonwealth and have required the School com-  
mittees of the several towns and cities to cause such register to  
be kept, according to the form prescribed; And, whereas the form

of Register which the board of education have prescribed, is found to be inconvenient; requiring in the schools an expenditure of time without producing any valuable effect. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Chairman of the School committee of Boston be requested in the name of the committee to memorialize the Legislature of the Commonwealth, praying that the law which authorizes the board of Education to prescribe a "Blank form of Register to be kept in all the town & district schools of the Commonwealth" be repealed.

### New Schools

The special committee appointed Feb. 12. 1839, and empowered whenever the five northern & western schools shall together number 250 scholars, more than their several school-rooms can accommodate, to institute a new-school in the northern section of the City, &c. respectfully submit the following Report;

On investigation we find the following to be the condition of the five northern & western schools, at the present time. The Eliot school has a daily attendance of 33 pupils more than can be there accommodated with seats. The Hancock school has a daily excess of 77. The Wells 50. The Bowdoin 0. The Mayhew 30. Total daily excess of pupils present in these 5 schools during the 1<sup>st</sup> week in March, above the number of seats in these schools, 192.

This being the case, & the resolutions requiring that the excess shall equal 250, your committee have not felt authorized as yet to organize a new school. But that which is <sup>now</sup> unauthorized, by the resolution of these schools on the first Monday of the next month, when very large accptions are always made from the primary schools.

Taking previous years as our standard, these five schools will receive on that day as follows. The Eliot school 31 new pupils. The Hancock 80. The Wells 50. The Bowdoin 20. The Mayhew 45.

Total

Total number of pupils to be received from the primary schools on 143.  
the first Monday of next month 236. to which number let us add  
the 192 at present attending these schools unaccommodated, and we  
shall have on that day 428 pupils to be provided for elsewhere;  
than in these five school houses. The first Monday of April therefore,  
appears to be clearly indicated as the day for the commencement  
of a new school. The resolutions which brought this subject before the  
board speak of instituting a new school, to be instructed by a master,  
and two female assistants; also of providing a hall for the temporary  
accommodation of the new school, of advertising for a master &c. &c.  
on the supposition that but one school, one hall, one master &c. &c.  
would be required. \* Your committee are of opinion that two  
new schools, viz. a Reading School and a Writing School will  
be required to accommodate this large number of pupils: And,  
therefore that 2 masters, viz. a Reading master and a writing  
master, will be equally necessary. The appointments of a <sup>25</sup> assistant  
teachers and ushers being regulated by our rules, may be left to the  
sub-committee having charge of the new school. Your committee  
would state that in the item of assistant teachers, there will be no  
additional expense to the City, for there are supernumerary teachers  
sufficient at the over crowded schools, to supply the new schools,  
without the necessity of any new appointments. The following orders  
are respectfully annexed.

\* Now this overplus  
will consist of both sexes.  
shall we require both  
sexes to be present in  
one hall? Can we  
find one hall that  
can contain 428 pupils?  
Can one master & two  
female assistants in-  
struct 428 pupils.

Ordered, That the special committee appointed  
Feb. 12. 1839, for the purpose of organizing a new school at the northern  
section of the City, be empowered to institute a grammar school, & a  
writing school, so that both may go into operation on the first  
Monday of April next; and further that they provide two halls  
for the temporary accommodation of these new schools.

Ordered, That when this board adjourns, it shall  
adjourn

144. adjourn to Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> instant, for the purpose of electing a grammar master, and a writing master for the new schools.

Ordered, That the salary of each of the two masters be at the rate of \$800 per annum, till further ordered.

Respectfully submitted. For the committee: Ezra Palmer, Jr.  
Read and accepted.

Adjourned to March 26<sup>th</sup> 1839, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Attest,

S. M. O'Leary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday the twenty sixth day of March, A. D. 1839.

Present -

Com<sup>rs</sup> of the whole Board. The Chairman, and the whole board, except Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jarvis & Allen. The Rev. Mr. Whittier having been re-elected, appeared & took his seat. The Chairman being absent at the hour of adjournment, Mr. Marrett, President of the Common Council presided. The board went into a committee of the whole board, the Rev. Mr. Winslow in the Chair. The several applications for grammar and writing masters having been referred to the committee of the whole board. They proceeded to read the several applications, and the documents accompanying the same. During the reading the Chairman of the School committee came in, and the Rev. Mr. Winslow wishing to retire from the Chair, Mr. Marrett was appointed Chairman. After the reading of the several applications &c. the committee of the whole balloted for candidates. The committee of the whole then rose, and reported the following names

as candidates, viz: George Allen, jr. and Frederick Crafts for gram-  
mar masters - Samuel L. Gould, Charles Kimball and Loring  
Lothrop for writing masters.

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The board proceeded by ballot to Master chosen  
the choice of grammar master, and the votes being taken it Grammar  
appeared that George Allen, Junior was chosen.

The board proceeded by ballot to Writing master  
the choice of a writing master, and after several ballotings it Chosen  
appeared that Loring Lothrop was chosen.

Petition of Samuel P. Scott, and Scott  
others, praying, that sewing and knitting may be introduced, & Sewing & Knitting  
taught at the primary schools. Read and referred to the Prim-  
ary School Committee.

Ordered, that Messrs Emerson, Scholars equalizer  
Palmer and Flint, be a committee, with instructions to equalize  
as far as practicable the several grammar & writing schools, with  
respect to number of scholars.

Ordered, that the committee required Rules  
to be appointed at the quarterly meeting in May, for the purposes motion to amend,  
specified in Sect. 14, Chap. IV. of rules of the School Committee,  
be directed not to report any comparison or classification of the  
schools which they may respectively examine.

Read and laid upon the table.  
An alteration having been made  
Voted, that the resolution  
passed at the last meeting  
requesting the Chairman to  
apply to the Legislature  
for the repeal of the law  
which authorizes the board of  
Education to prescribe the  
blank form of Register to be  
kept in all common schools  
be and the same is  
now being reconsidered.

Adjourned to Tuesday the ninth day of April next  
four o'clock, P. M. Attest.

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

A meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the ninth day of April, A.D. 1839.

Present

The Chairman - Messrs Manott, How, Palmer, Newell, Emerson, Lowe, Lathrop, Winslow, Gay, Howe, Wigglesworth, Flint, & Sparhawk.

Plan of new

School house?

Ordered, That the plan of the School house, re-

ported to the board on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February last, be recommitted, with instructions, that the committee consider the expediency of making the following amendments -

1<sup>st</sup> Instead of that portion of the building which embraces the front range of rooms, devoted, recitation rooms, private room, and stairs, construct a porch on the front of the building 35 by 14 feet, within the clear; and appropriate this porch for two class-rooms, each 8 by 15 feet, and two flights of stairs, each 9 by 14 feet.

2<sup>nd</sup> Introduce two windows into the front of the main building, near the two ends of the porch, and one additional window into the rear of the building in each story.

3<sup>rd</sup> Face the desks of the scholars towards the rear of the building.

4<sup>th</sup> Dispense with one half of the cross-alleys.

5<sup>th</sup> Dispense with one row of the desks, ranging lengthwise the building and reduce the width of the building 3 feet 4 inches accordingly.

6<sup>th</sup> Incline the flooring from the level of the broad aisle at the front row of desks, to the altitude of 8 inches, at the rear row.

Ordered, That after the committee on the plan of School house shall have determined either to adopt, or to reject the proposed amendments, they be authorized, without further recurrence to this board, to recommend the plan to the City Council.

Ordered

Ordered, That the Chairman, be and he  
is hereby authorized and instructed to make a return of the Returns of Schools.  
Schools, to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in behalf of the School  
Committee as required by law.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of May, A. D. 1839.

Present—

The Chairman Messrs. Maret, Shaw, Foulke, Palmer, Emerson, Rogers, Watson, Lothrop, Winslow, Howe, Parker, Wigglesworth, Perry, Flint, Jarvis, Sparhawk, and Whittemore.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees Quarterly Reports.  
all the Schools, which were severally read and accepted.

The Rev. M. Whittemore was appointed on the Hawes school  
sub committee of the Hawes School.

The sub committee of the Eliot School nominated George Eliot—Mayhew  
Tower, as usher, in the grammar department. The sub committee Johnson & Hawes  
of the Mayhew School, nominated Nathan B. Barker, as usher Schools—  
of the grammar department. The sub committee of the Johnson School usher &c.  
nominated Emma J. Knapp as assistant teacher in place of Lydia  
Towner, resigned. Said committee reported, that they had given M. Parker  
the

148. The master's leave of absence for six weeks on account of ill health.  
The sub-committee of the Lawes School nominated Sophronia Brooks, as an assistant teacher in the writing department. Which nominations were confirmed and the several persons aforementioned were appointed accordingly.

Fowle  
Bible reader  
Communication from William B. Fowle, accompanied with copies of the "Bible reader", praying that the same may be adopted and found worthy to be introduced into the public schools. Read and referred to the committee on books.

New School  
Ordered, that the sub-committee of the new school, reported a name, by which it shall be known & called.

Grammar schools  
Ordered, that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lotthrop, Jarvis & Howe, be a committee to visit the several English grammar schools and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of said schools; said committee to report previously to the annual election of the instructors; that the appointments of the board on that occasion may be judiciously made.

Writing Schools  
Ordered, that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Olney, Newell and Whittemore, be a committee to visit the several writing schools for the purpose mentioned in the preceding order.

Pupils on equaliz<sup>g</sup>  
in  
Schools.  
The committee appointed, with instructions to equalize as far as practicable, the several grammar & writing schools, with respect to number of scholars, ask leave to present the following Report. The committee being aware, that a large number of scholars annually enter the grammar & writing schools, on the first Monday of May, thought proper to delay the execution of their commission until

that

that period had passed. Since the annual accipien alluded to has been made, the committee have taken measures to ascertain the average daily attendance & the number of seats in each school. The following statement results from the inquiry. The Eliot school, for boys only, has 400 seats, & an average attendance of 389 scholars; here is room for 11 boys more. The Hancock school, for girls only has 448 seats, & an average attendance of 416 scholars;— here is room for 32 girls more. The Mayhew School, for boys only, has 360 seats, & an average attendance of 370 scholars, here is an excess of 10 boys. The Bowdoin school for girls only, has 448 seats, & an average attendance of 416 scholars; here is room for 19 girls more. The Wells school, for both sexes, has 200 seats in each room, & an average attendance of 219 boys & 224 girls;— here is an excess of 19 boys & 24 girls. The Adams school, for both sexes, has 202 seats in each room, & an average attendance of 219 boys & 148 girls; here is an excess of 17 boys, & room for 54 girls more. The Boylston school for both sexes, has <sup>198</sup>204 seats in each room, & an average attendance of 211 boys & 225 girls; here is an excess of 7 boys & 22 girls. The Winthrop school for boys only, has 400 seats, & an average attendance of 221 boys; here is room for 179 boys more. The Johnson school for girls only has 400 seats, & an average attendance of 327 scholars, here is room for 73 girls more. The Franklin school for both sexes has 202 seats in each room, & an average attendance of 235 boys & 137 girls; here is an excess of 33 boys, & room for 65 girls more. The Hawes school, for both sexes, has 241 seats in each room, & an average attendance of 237 boys & 208 girls; here is room for 10 boys & 33 girls more. The Lyman school in which both sexes attend at present in the same room, has 102 seats & an average attendance of 106 scholars; here is an excess of 4 scholars. The New north school, for both sexes, has 170 seats in the smaller room, & an average attendance of 113 boys & 124 girls; here is room for 57 boys & 46 girls more. On reviewing the

150 The above statement it appears to your committee that, in most instances, where there is an excess of scholars, the natural diminution of numbers, which uniformly takes place during the latter part of May, first part of June will afford sufficient relief. With respect, however, to the Wells, the Franklin, the Adams, & the Boylston schools, some immediate expedient is thought advisable, & the subjoined orders are proposed accordingly. Respectfully submitted. S. Emerson.

Ordered, That the sub committee of the Wells school, transfer 10 boys & 15 girls either to the New north, the Mayhew or the Bowdoin schools.

Ordered, That the sub committee of the Adams school, transfer 10 boys to the Winthrop school.

Ordered, That the sub committee of the Boylston school transfer 15 girls to the Adams school.

Ordered, That the sub committee of the Franklin school be authorized to move forty boys and one of the female teachers of the school into the ward room in the basement of the building.

Read, accepted, & the orders passed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

Boylston Sch. June 11. 1839. The above order respecting removal of pupils from the Boylston School was so far reconsidered as to allow the sub com<sup>tee</sup> of that School to remove them from the school, if they shall deem it expedient so to do.

At a meeting of the School com<sup>tee</sup> 151.  
mittee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday,  
the eleventh day of June, Anno Domini, 1839.

Present -

The Chairman Mess<sup>rs</sup> Merrill, Stow, Newell, Emerson, Loring,  
Rogers, Lathrop, Winslow, Gay, Howe, Parker, Wigglesworth, Flint,  
Sparhawk and Whittemore.

A communication was received from Joseph Hawes School  
Harrington, Junior, proposing to resign his situation as master master resigns  
in the grammar department of the Hawes School, at the ex-  
piration of the present quarter. Read and thereupon ordered,  
that said resignation be accepted.

Ordered, that the Secretary advertise that Sec<sup>y</sup> to advertise  
applications will be received for master of the grammar  
department of the Hawes School, until this day week.

The Rev. Mr. Whittemore was excused from serv- Writing & Grammar  
ing on the committee to examine the writing schools, and Mr. Schools.  
Sparhawk was appointed in his place. And the Rev. Mr. Lathrop  
was excused from serving on the committee to examine the grammar  
schools, and the Rev. Mr. Winslow was appointed in his place.

A book called the Moral teacher was referred Moral teacher  
to the committee on books.

The meeting was then adjourned to Tuesday  
next, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Attest, E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

A meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, Anno Domini, 1839.

Present

The Chairman - Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mariett, Stow, Olney, Palmer, Newell, Emerson, Lowe, Lathrop, Winslow, Gay, Howe, Parker, Wigglesworth, Perry, Flint, Jarvis, Sparhawk, Whittemore & Allen.

Hawes school

Ordered, That the several applications for master of the grammar department of the Hawes School, be referred to a committee of the whole board, to report one or more candidates.

Com<sup>tee</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> whole

The committee of the whole board, Mr. Mariett in the chair, proceeded to read the several applications with the documents accompanying the same, after which the committee balloted for candidates. The committee of the whole then rose & reported the following names as candidates, viz: Joshua Bates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Frederick Crafts, and James B. Thompson.

Hawes School

master chosen

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of master of the grammar department of the Hawes School, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Frederick Crafts was chosen to commence on the first day of July next.

Mead

New School

Petition of Charles Meads, Father, praying that another grammar and writing school may be established at South Boston. Read and referred to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Emerson, Whittemore and Perry to consider & report.

Grammar schools

The Rev. Mr. Newell was excused from serving on the committee to examine the grammar schools, & Mr. Lowe was appointed in his place.

Communication from Thomas J. S. Smiley 153.  
accompanied with a book and map entitled "Encyclopedia of geography Smiley.  
and Atlas." in the use of schools. Referred to the committee on books.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee  
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the  
sixth day of August, D. 1839.

Present -

The Chairman Mess<sup>rs</sup> Stow, Fowle, Palmer, Neale, Newell,  
Low, Southrop, Winslow, Gay, Howes, Parker, Wigglesworth, Perry,  
Jarvis, Sparhawk, Whittemore and Allen.

Semi annual returns were made by the Semi annual,  
Masters of the several schools. The Secretary made an abstract returns.  
of the returns of the masters of the several grammar & writing  
schools, containing the number of pupils and instructors in each  
school, and the number of female teachers each is entitled to have.  
Which was read and filed.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub- Quarterly reports.  
committees of all the schools, which were read & accepted.

The committee appointed to visit the several Grammar schools,  
grammar schools, & critically examine the pupils in all the branches  
taught therein in order to ascertain the condition of those schools.  
Resolved.

154. Reported at large, as on file; - which report was read & accepted.

Writing  
Schools

The committee appointed to visit the several writing schools and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of those schools, reported, as on file; - which report was read & accepted.

Masters &  
Instructors

Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of masters of all the public schools, and the votes being taken it appeared that the following persons were chosen, viz:

Latin School. Ephes Sargent Dixwell.

English High. Thomas Sherwin.

Eliot School. David B. Tower, grammar master. Levi Conant, writing master.

Hancock - William J. Adams " Peter Mackintosh, jr. "

Mayhew - William D. Swan " Aaron D. Capen "

Barbours - Abraham Andrews " James Robinson "

Wells - Cornelius Walker " Reuben Swan, jr. "

Stam - Samuel Barrett " Josiah Fairbanks "

Boylston - Charles Fox " Aaron B. Hoyt "

Franklin - Barnum Field " Nathan Merrill "

Mawes - Frederick Crafts " John A. Harris "

(New No. 3) - George Allen, jr. " Loring Lothrop "

Johnson School. Richard G. Parker, Master.

Winthrop - Henry Williams, jr. "

Lyman - Albert Bowker "

Smith - Abner Forbes "

The following persons were nominated by the sub committees of the several schools, which nominations were confirmed, and they were appointed accordingly, viz: Latin School - Francis Gardner, sub master - Francis Phelps, usher - Jonathan Snelling, teacher

of writing - English High School - Luther Robinson, sub master, Francis  
 S. Williams, usher. Francis M. J. Surault, teacher of French, William  
 T. Stratton, teacher of writing. Lyman School. Mary A. Winton, assistant.  
Eliot School. George Tower and Jacob A. Kent, ushers. Caroline W.  
 Carter and Elizabeth Skinner, assistants. Wancock School. Elizabeth  
 Morton, Adeline How, Mary Ann Pierce, Adelaide A. Jones, Laura  
 Stevens and Delia C. Gould, assistants. Bowdoin School. Mary A.  
 Murdock, Elizabeth Lincoln, Chastine Lincoln, Frances M. Robinson,  
 Sarah B. Jepson, and Mary S. Robinson, assistants. Adams School -  
 Lyman S. Bowker, usher. Mary E. Swift, Mary S. Barker, Sarah C.  
 Weld, Elizabeth M. Emerson, Harriet D. Williams ~~usher~~ <sup>assistant</sup>, ~~Miss~~ <sup>Miss</sup> ~~Ann~~ <sup>Ann</sup>  
 assistants. Franklin School. Joseph S. Swan, usher, Abby Ann Curtis,  
 Margaret Mann, Hannah S. Tirrell, ~~Harriet M. Luntz~~, Sarah  
 Ann Gale, assistants. Nells School. Matilda Gorry, Hannah J. Woodman,  
 Sarah Otis, Louisa Sweetser, Sarah D. Moore, & Caroline Otis, assistants.  
Haver School, Jonathan Battler, jr. usher, Louisa B. Braid, Susan B.  
 Cook, Lucy Floyd, Julia M. Baxter, Harriet W. Goodridge, & Lydia S.  
 Brooks, assistants. Boylston School. E. A. F. Fitzpatrick, Susan Hunt,  
 Margaret D. Emery, Harriet E. Emery, C. H. F. Goodwell, Susan A.  
 Bates, assistants. Johnson School, <sup>Andrew J. Lloyd, usher,</sup> Rebecca P. Barry, Elizabeth S. Brown,  
 Mary E. Copping, Sarah Ann Bolding, Helen Dorn, & Emma J. Sturges  
 assistants. Winthrop School. Daniel French, usher, Abby A. S. Walker,  
 Eliza S. Holt, & Evelina Cranor, assistants. Charles E. F. Richardson  
 teacher of penmanship in the Johnson & Winthrop schools. Smith  
 School - Sarah Forbes & Susan Paul, assistants. See also in Page 31  
 Oliver C. Gaptill, ushers, Angeline A. Brigham & Ann M. Wight as-  
 sistants. Marble School William H. Vail, usher, Mary J. Walker, Mary  
 Wheeler, Sarah C. Fernald & Emeline Tileston, assistants.

Voted, Salaries.

That the salaries of the several masters and instructors in the  
 several

156. Several schools be the same as the last year, with the exception of the new school; and that the masters of said school be allowed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars each, per annum.

Music Ordered, that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Emerson, Lathrop and Winslow, be a standing committee on music.

Mason Memorial of Lowell Mason, teacher of Music at the music in the Schools, suggesting that it might be agreeable to the Odeon. school committee to attend at the Odeon, to hear the musical performances of the pupils of the first class in each of the grammar schools. Read and thereupon ordered, that Saturday next, at half past eleven o'clock A.M. be assigned for that purpose, and that the Secretary notify the several masters to attend with their teachers and pupils.

Progressive exercises in grammar. Ordered, that the committee on books be instructed to inquire into the validity of the objections which have been made against Fox and Parker's Progressive exercises in English grammar.

Smiley Geography - The book committee to whom was referred the communication of Thomas J. L. Smiley, respecting his system of Field & Worcester's Geography, & the Atlas accompanying the same, respectfully report: That they have examined the work and do not think it on the whole as well suited to our schools as the Geography of Mr. J. E. Worcester, which the teachers are now at liberty to use.

The committee take this opportunity to suggest an alteration in the regulations respecting the study of geography in the schools. As our regulations now stand, Field's geography is made the text book for the second class, & it is left optional with the teachers to use Field's or Worcester's geography in the first class. Under

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this arrangement. The mass of the teachers use only Field's geography for both the classes. This work is merely an epitome, & the Atlas accompanying it is very meagre. It may be suited to the younger pupils who cannot be expected to learn more than the most important facts belonging to geographical science; but it seems to your committee to be much below the wants of the older pupils. It is obvious to every one that a much greater amount of geographical knowledge is required for the common purposes of business & conversation than was formerly necessary, in consequence of the wonderful facility of communication between distant places which has grown up in our time, & which is increasing daily. It appears to your committee therefore that the older pupils in our schools should not be confined, as they are in most of the schools to so imperfect a manual of geography as that of Mr. Field. They would propose to reverse the present regulations respecting the use of Field's & Worcester's system of geography. Instead of having Field's geography the text book for the second class, & leaving it optional with the teachers to use Field's or Worcester's in the first class, your committee recommend that it be left optional with the teachers to use Field or Worcester in the second class, & that Worcester be made the text book of the first class. With this view they offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the regulations of the public schools be amended by inserting on the 18<sup>th</sup> page 5<sup>th</sup> line from the bottom the words "or Worcester's" after the word "Field's" and by striking out in the last line of the same page the word "Field's."

For the committee on books. Edward Wigglesworth.

Read and laid upon the table, agreeably to the rules of the board.

The following alteration of the rules was proposed & laid upon the table. viz. That the quarterly meetings be the first Tuesday instead of the second, of August, Nov<sup>r</sup>, Feb. & May. Rules.

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Latin School. Master resigning the office of Usher of the Latin School, on the first of September next. Read & referred to the sub committee of that school.

Medal.

The sub committee of the Hancock School reported, that William J. Adams, the grammar master of that school, wishes in behalf of his wife, to procure a duplicate of a Gold Medal awarded her some years since, which with other articles was stolen some three years ago; the sub committee respectfully request of the board, that one be supplied bearing an inscription similar to that which existed upon the lost medal: "Deborah S. Chickering, 1828." Which report was read and accepted.

Wells School.

Usher for.

The sub committee of the Wells school, among other things reported, that the master of the writing department has been for some time desirous of having an usher, in the place of two of the female assistants, as authorized by the regulations of the board; and the illness of M<sup>r</sup>. Walker, has satisfied the committee, that this is a desirable change and would have a beneficial effect upon the discipline of a school which both sexes attend; at some future meeting of the board they may be prepared to nominate some person for the office of usher. Which report was read & accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

A. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday, the thirtieth day of August, A. D. 1839. 159.

Present

The Chairman - Messrs Stow, Palmer, Newell, Emerson, Lowe, Rogers, Wigglesworth, Sparhawk & Allen.

A quorum of the board not being present, No quorum  
the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday next, four o'clock P. M.

Attest,

D. M. O'Leary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the third day of September, Anno Domini, 1839.

Present -

The Chairman - Messrs Croswell, Palmer, Newell, Emerson, Lowe, Lothrop, Parker, Wigglesworth, Flint, Sparhawk & Allen.

Voted, that the vote of the sixth day of Mayhew School August, last, whereby Sarah L. Fernald and Emeline Silston were elected teachers in the Mayhew School, be & is hereby reconsidered. Teachers.

Voted, that the salary of Sarah L. Fernald be continued to her for the term of three months after the first day of September current. Fernald

The sub-committee nominated Benj<sup>a</sup> Drew, Jr. as usher of the writing department of the Mayhew School, which nomination was confirmed. Usher.

Latin School  
Ushers.

The sub committee of the Latin School nominated Edward Everett Hale and William Edward Townsend as ushers of said School, which nomination was confirmed, and they were appointed accordingly.

Wells School  
Usher

The sub committee of the Wells School nominated William H. Swan as usher of the writing department of that school; which nomination was confirmed, and he was appointed accordingly.

Rules & Regulations.

Music.

Resolved, That so much of the 23.<sup>d</sup> section of the 2.<sup>d</sup> chapter of the Regulations of the grammar & writing schools as relates to the days of the week, on which instruction in music is to be given, shall be suspended for twelve months; and that during this suspension the days of instruction in music shall be according to the following schedule— the hours of instruction remaining unchanged.— Eliot, Hancock, Mayhew & New Schools on Mondays & Thursdays. Wells, Bowdoin, Adams, Boylston & Smith Schools on Tuesdays & Fridays. Winthrop, Johnson, Franklin, Hawes & Lyman Schools on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The foregoing resolution was passed, the rule respecting amendments being first dispensed with, by three fourths of the members present.

Music.

The following resolve and order were read and referred to the committee on music, to consider & report. *vv.*

Resolved, that at the quarterly meeting in August, a committee on music shall be appointed, consisting of three members. This committee shall provide teachers of music, to give instruction in the art of singing, to the several grammar & writing schools. The expense of which shall not exceed dollars, per school, per annum.

Ordered,

(Ordered, that the committee on music be 161.  
instructed to ascertain the lowest rate, for which good musical Musical instruments.  
instruments can be made, for the use of the several ~~schools~~ grammar  
and writing schools; and report to this board, as early as practi-  
-cable.

The board took into consideration the proposi Rules & regulations  
tion of the committee on books made on the sixth day of August, Geography.  
last, to alter the rules respecting the use of Field's & Worcester's geog-  
raphy in the public schools, and said resolution as then made was  
adopted and that the regulations be amended accordingly.

The committee to whom was referred the pre Mead - Ward 12.  
tition of Charles Mead, and others, Inhabitants of Ward 1<sup>st</sup>, praying, New School  
that the board would take measures to procure the establishment  
of another grammar and writing school in South Boston, made a  
report, together with the following resolutions, which were read,  
and laid upon the table. viz:

Resolved. That in the opinion of the  
School committee, measures should be taken to provide for the  
establishment of an additional grammar and writing school in  
South Boston.

Resolved. That the Chairman of  
the board of school committee be requested to present a copy  
of this report to the City Council.

Resolved, that the rules & regulations, be so amended, Quarterly meetings.  
as to provide that the quarterly meetings of the School committee shall be the first Tuesdays in  
stead of the second Tuesdays of February, May, August & November.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the fifth day of November, A. 1839.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board of School Committee, except Messrs. Groswell, Olney, Rogers, Watson, Perry, & Allen.

Quarterly Reps.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees of all the Schools, which were severally read & accepted.

Musical instruments

The standing committee on music, having been instructed to ascertain the lowest rate for which good musical instruments can be made for the use of the grammar & writing schools, & to report to this board as early as practicable, have attended to that duty, & report; - That the number of fourteen piano-fortes, constructed in a perfect manner, can be obtained for the sum of \$185 each; the casements of these instruments would be perfect; the action easy, and the tones brilliant & powerful. The committee were not instructed in their commission to consider the expediency of purchasing the instruments, & therefore they offer no remarks on this point.

Respectfully submitted. J. Emerson, com.<sup>ee</sup> on Music.

Read and accepted.

Teachers of music

The committee on music having been instructed to consider the expediency of so altering the 15<sup>th</sup> section of the 4<sup>th</sup> Chap. of the rules of the board, that it shall be made the duty of the com.<sup>ee</sup> on music to contract with the several teachers of music in the several schools, individually, instead of contracting with one master of music to provide the competent number of teachers, & to experiment the whole; Report, - That their commission to consider this subject did not reach them

until

until the time of making the contract which must continue until Sept. 10. 1840, had passed by; Therefore, since the contract for the current year is already made, no action of the board on the subject, could take effect, under ten months from the present time, the committee recommend, that the subject be referred to the next board.

Respectfully Submitted: J. F. Emerson, Chairman.

Read & accepted.

Voted, That the committee of conference with the Instruction in primary school committee, be instructed to confer on the expediency of Music, of providing instruction in music for the teachers of the primary schools.

Ordered, That the Lyman school be provided with maps, Lyman School globes, Philosophical apparatus, similar to those with which the other schools are provided.

Voted, That the sum of forty one dollars be allowed Mayhew School to Susan J. Locke, for services as teachers in the Mayhew school, from June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 14. 1839.

Ordered, That in accordance with customary precedents Wells school. three months salary from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, last, be paid to Miss Sarah D. Moores, who was dismissed from the Wells school, to make room for an usher. And also, that the same sum be paid to Miss Sarah Otis, who was dismissed at the same time; provided, the sub-com<sup>tee</sup> of said school are satisfied that she did not refuse to be a candidate for the place of female assistant in the Franklin school.

Ordered, that the com<sup>tee</sup> on books, be instructed to examine Field's geography. The geography used in our schools called Field's geography, report upon its merits; & also upon the expediency of substituting some other in its place.

Parker & Fox  
Grammar

The committee on books, to whom was referred the consideration of a late review of the grammar of Messrs Parker & Fox, made a report, to which was subjoined the following resolve: viz:

Resolved, That the regulations of the public schools be amended, by striking out on page 18, in sec. 18, under Class III, the following words "or Parker and Fox's progressive exercises in English grammar." Which report was read & laid upon the table.

Endicott School.

The sub-committee to whom was referred the subject of selecting a name, for the new school, recommends that of "Endicott," as in their opinion particularly suitable. Read, accepted & ordered accordingly.

Hawes School  
Franklin

The sub-committee of the Hawes School, nominated Mary Elizabeth Clark, as an assistant teacher, in place of Miss Braid, resigned. The sub-committee of the Franklin School nominated Miss Baldwin as an assistant teacher, in the place of Abby Ann Luntis, resigned, which nominations were confirmed, & they were appointed accordingly.

Adams School  
Nashor deceased

The sub-committee of the Adams School, stated in their report the decease of Mr. Lyman T. Bowker, the late Nashor of said School whose deportment & character merited the esteem of the Instructors, & the pupils, & they beg leave to add their own testimony as a tribute to his memory, that his faithful services have done much in the discharge of the duties within his department.

Hawes School

The sub-com<sup>tee</sup> of the Hawes School, stated in their report, ~~that~~ that Mr. Mason has withdrawn from the singing department, which is now under the direction of Mr. Johnson.

Adjourned to Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. 4  
o'clock P. M. Attest, Edw. W. Cole, Secretary.

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At a meeting of the School com  
mittee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday,  
the nineteenth day of November, A. 1839.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board, of School committee, ex  
cept Mess<sup>rs</sup> Groswell, Robbins, Rogers, Parker, Town, Whittemore,  
and Allen.

A communication from George B. Emerson, Emerson,  
respecting the length of time for school hours; and suggesting School hours  
the expediency of an alteration in the same. Read & referred  
to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Winslow, Marell & Howe, to consider & report.

A memorial signed by Richard G. Parker Parker & Fox's  
grammar master of the Johnson school, and Charles Fox, Fox's  
grammar master of the Boylston school, in answer to the report  
of the committee on books, respecting their progressive exercises  
in English grammar, made at the last meeting of this board,  
and laid upon the table. Which memorial was read. Upon the  
question of passing the resolve, for the amendment of the regu  
lations of the public schools, as reported by said committee, the  
yeas & nays being required, were taken as follows, viz:  
Yeas. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Palmer, Winslow and Wigglesworth. . . . . 3. Yeas & nays.  
Nays. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Marell, Stow, Olney, Fowler, Newell, Lowe, Watson,  
Lothrop, Gay, Howe, Jarvis, Sparhawk. . . . . 12.  
So the same did not pass.

The Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Winslow was appointed as one of Wells school  
the sub committee of the Wells school in the absence of W<sup>r</sup> Rogers.

The meeting was then adjourned. Attest, E. M. Cleary,  
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the thirty first day of December, A. D. 1839.

Present.

The Chairman Messrs. Marrett, Craswell, Palmer, Neale, Emerson, Lowe, Lotthrop, Winslow, Gay, Parker, Wigglesworth, Flint, Sparhawk, and Whittemore.

*Ayer*      Petition of H. Ayer, and others, parents having  
*Eng. High School* children at the English High School, praying that the school may be commenced at 9 o'clock A. M. and end at two o'clock, P. M.  
 Read and referred to the next board.

*Emerson*      The committee to whom was referred the subject of abbreviating the hours of study in the Latin school, as suggested by the letter of Mr. George B. Emerson, respectfully report, that so far as they have been able to form an opinion from their own experience, and more especially from the judgment of professional teachers and physicians, they are of opinion that the time of confinement in school in summer should not exceed that of winter. They would therefore recommend that during the summer term, the time of study in the forenoon be the same as it is in the winter; that is, that the time of study in the forenoon be three hours during the whole year. In consideration of the peculiar severity of application ~~required~~ required in learning the languages, and the very enervating influence of the afternoon in a city like this they would further recommend a little abbreviation of the time of confinement in the afternoon during the summer term, so that it shall not ordinarily exceed two hours and a half. They would recommend that the time of opening and closing the school be

be left to the discretion of the principal. All which is respectfully submitted, for the committee. Hubbard Winslow. 167.

Read and accepted.

The committee of conference with the primary school committee, report that a conference has been held, & the following resolution unanimously adopted. Resolved, that in the opinion of the conference it is expedient that instruction in music be provided for the teachers of the primary schools; provided, it can be done without expense. Respectfully submitted on the part of the committee. Saml. G. Howe, Chairman. Read and accepted. Primary schools Music.

The <sup>sub</sup>committee of the Wells school respectfully report, that Louisa Sweetser, having resigned her place as assistant teacher in the Wells school, Miss Charlotte Woodman has been appointed to fill the vacancy, & they would respectfully ask to have her appointment confirmed by the board. Read, accepted. Said appointment was confirmed accordingly. Wells School

Ordered, that there be paid to the Secretary of this board one hundred and fifty dollars, in full for his services the current year. Secretary

Ordered, that there be paid to the Meppenger of this board, one hundred dollars in full for his services the current year. Meppenger

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Lothrop—  
Resolved, that the thanks of this board be presented to His Honor the Mayor, for the courteous, dignified & impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of Chairman of the School committee; for the zealous interest he has ever manifested; and, Chairman  
Thanks to.

168. and for the able service he has rendered to the public schools of this City; and that he be assured that our cordial respects & sympathies will follow him, as he retires from the public office, he has so faithfully and efficiently filled.

The foregoing resolution was read by the Secretary, and was passed by a unanimous vote.

To which the Mayor made a pertinent reply.

Winthrop School.

Ordered, that there be paid to the mother of Mrs. S. J. Walker deceased, late teacher in the Winthrop school three months salary in addition to any sum due to her at the time of her decease.

The meeting was then adjourned without day.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

Medals awarded.  
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2 Mistake - see  
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At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the twenty second day of January, Anno Domini, 1840.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board of School committee except Messrs. Marett, Grosvenor, Bulis, Newell, & Lewis.

The committee to whom was referred the nomination of the primary school committee, made by the Chairman at the last meeting, reported that the printed list be appointed, with the following exception viz. Dist. No. 2. E. S. Pratt in place of J. D. Battles, E. N. Snelling in place of W. E. Everts, Dist. No. 6. C. F. Wetherington, in place of J. V. Eager.

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W. G. Wiley in place of John Gulliver, Dist. No. 10. Chester Daniell, 169.  
 in place of T. D. Stedman. Read and accepted, agreeably thereto the  
 Chairman made the following nomination of the primary school  
 committee, which nomination was confirmed by the board, & they  
 were appointed as follows, viz:

|                   |                      |                   |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Geo. W. Otis, jr. | Geo. Sutherland, jr. | Warren J. Whitney |
| Joseph Curtis     | Andrew Gayer         | James H. Whipple  |
| A. A. Gould       | John B. McKeary      | J. P. Preston     |
| John Center       | Elijah Stearns       | Wm. D. Ticknor    |
| Sam. E. Chepman   | L. M. Lodge          | T. R. Marvin      |
| Lewis G. Pray     | E. T. Pratt          | Lorenzo A. Cragin |
| E. P. Hartshorn   | E. M. Snelling       | Eben. Jones       |
| J. F. Burnstead   | J. M. Dix            | Wm. How           |
| Daniel L. Coit    | A. J. Richardson     | B. P. Richardson  |
| A. B. Wheeler     | Sam. G. Simpkins     | James B. Dow      |
| A. B. Stebbins    | Fred. A. Sumner      | Thos. Adams       |
| Edmund Jackson    | Rufus G. Harris      | W. G. Wiley       |
| Samuel McBurney   | Living Torrey        | Elisha Field      |
| J. W. Bourne      | Abel G. Wyman        | Chas. C. Barry    |
| Henry Clapp, jr.  | Lewis G. Pray        | N. Stetcalff, jr. |
| Wm. A. Wick       | Aaron Sweet          | E. S. Mepfinger   |
| Asa B. Snow       | Francis Brown        | Wm. P. Jarvis     |
| Wm. Parkman       | Daniel Henchman      | W. R. Everett     |
| J. Moriarty       | Rich. W. Bayley      | Thos. Bullard     |
| Jos. W. Ingraham  | Elijah Cobb          | John Flint        |
| Henry Andrews     | James Tolman         | Sam. F. Morse     |
| Thos. Westcote    | Enoch Holm           | Edw. Haynes, jr.  |
| Henry G. Clarke   | Aurelius D. Parker   | Wm. C. Jenkins    |
| E. W. Leach       | Thos. C. Manning     | Willis Howe       |
| Christopher Green | J. A. Daniell        | Granston Howe     |

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January, Anno Domini, 1840.

The following gentlemen compose the School committee, the present year.

Jonathan Chapman, Mayor, Chairman.

Philip Marell, President of the Common Council.

From the wards.

Ward N<sup>o</sup>. 1. Rev. William Groswell & Isaac R. Butts.

" " 2. Stephen W. Blaney " James W. Barnes.

" " 3. Ezra Palmer, Jun<sup>r</sup> " Rev. Tottin E. Leale.

" " 4. Rev. Wm. W. Newell " Rev. Thomas M. Clarke.

" " 5. Frederick Emerson " Henry Dyer.

" " 6. Francis C. Lowell " William J. Hubbard.

" " 7. Rev. Hubbard Winslow " Charles Gordon.

" " 8. Labadie B. Adams " Martin Gay.

" " 9. William Parker " Edward Wigglesworth.

" " 10. Rev. Artemas Boies " Winslow Lewis, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

" " 11. John A. Bolles " Rev. Otis A. Skinner.

" " 12. Rev. Benj. Whittemore " Nicholas Noyes.

All the above named gentlemen appeared and took their seats, except Mess<sup>rs</sup> Groswell, Wigglesworth, Gay.

The board was called to order by the Mayor, who by the rules is ex officio Chairman.

Secretary chosen.

Voted, to proceed to the choice of Secretary, by ballot. On the vote being taken, it appeared that Samuel S. Cleary was chosen.

Chairman's address.

The Chairman then made an address to the board.

Voted, that the rules and regulations of the 171.  
School committee of the last year, be adopted and remain in force, Rules Regulations  
until the further order of this board. Also the rules and orders  
for the government of the members of the board when in session.

The following sub or visiting committees were Sub committees  
nominated and appointed, viz:

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| <u>Latin.</u> The Mayor,       | <u>English High.</u> Mep <sup>r</sup> Hubbard, |
| Mep <sup>r</sup> Wigglesworth, | Palmer.                                        |
| Winslow.                       | Whittemore.                                    |
| Croswell,                      | Adams.                                         |
| Lowell.                        | Lewis.                                         |

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| <u>Symon.</u> Mep <sup>r</sup> Newell, | <u>Eliot.</u> Mep <sup>r</sup> Croswell, |
| Olney,                                 | Butts,                                   |
| Barnes.                                | Olney.                                   |

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| <u>Hancock.</u> Mep <sup>r</sup> Palmer, | <u>Endicott.</u> Mep <sup>r</sup> Palmer, |
| Neale,                                   | Croswell,                                 |
| Barnes.                                  | Newell.                                   |

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| <u>Mayhew.</u> Mep <sup>r</sup> Clarke. | <u>Bowdoin.</u> Mep <sup>r</sup> Winslow. |
| Butts                                   | Dyer,                                     |
| Wigglesworth.                           | Gordon.                                   |

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| <u>Boylston.</u> Mep <sup>r</sup> Gay. | <u>Adams.</u> Mep <sup>r</sup> Parker, |
| Adams,                                 | Hubbard,                               |
| Gordon.                                | Gay.                                   |

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| <u>Franklin.</u> Mep <sup>r</sup> Lewis, | <u>Wells.</u> Mep <sup>r</sup> Lowell, |
| Bolles,                                  | Emerson,                               |
| Skinner                                  | Neale.                                 |

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| <u>Johnson.</u> Mep <sup>r</sup> Bolles, | <u>Winthrop.</u> Mep <sup>r</sup> Marrett, |
| Boies                                    | Parker,                                    |
| Noyes.                                   | Boies.                                     |

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Hawes Mep.<sup>r</sup> Whittemore,  
 Noyes &  
 Skinner.

Smith Mep.<sup>r</sup> Emerson,  
 Dyer &  
 Colarke.

Com<sup>ee</sup> on Books.

Com<sup>ee</sup> on books. Mep.<sup>r</sup> Wigglesworth, Winslow, Palmer, Neale, Lowell,

Prim. Schools com<sup>ee</sup>  
 to confer.

Voted, that Mep.<sup>r</sup> Adams, Emerson, and Colarke, be a  
 committee to confer with the primary school committee.

Com<sup>ee</sup> on Music.

Committee on Music. Mep.<sup>r</sup> Emerson, Winslow and Gordon.

Ayer Eng. High  
 Sch.

Petition of H. Ayer, and others, parents of pupils of the  
 English High School, for an alteration of the hours of keeping said  
 School. Ref<sup>d</sup> to the sub-committee of that School.

Pupils number of  
 attend<sup>g</sup> certain Sch.<sup>s</sup>

Voted, that Mep.<sup>r</sup> Maret, Parker, Lewis, Bolles & Gay,  
 be committee, to ascertain the number of pupils attending the Franklin,  
 Johnson, Winthrop, Adams and Baylston Schools, and to devise some  
 method of more equal distribution of the pupils among the S.<sup>d</sup> schools.

Schools - public.

Voted, that Mep.<sup>r</sup> Emerson, Winslow, & Butts be a  
 committee to revise and prepare for the prep. City document N<sup>o</sup> 23,  
 giving an account of the organization of the public schools of Boston.

Prim. Sch. Com<sup>ee</sup>  
 nominated.

The Mayor nominated the members of the primary school  
 committee, which nomination was referred to the committee appoint-  
 ed to confer with the primary school committee, to consider and  
 report.

Schedule of members  
 &c.

Voted, that the Secretary, cause to be added to the  
 usual printed list of the names of the members of this board, the sub-  
 committees of the several schools, and the instructors in the same; - all

attentions

alterations and additions made to the rules and regulations, since the last publication of last year's list. 173.

Communication from O. B. Peirce, author of a new mode of teaching English grammar, inviting the members of this board to attend two of his public lectures on that subject, at the Marlboro' Chapel, on the evenings of Wednesday & Thursday next. Read and laid on the table. Peirce

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

J. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the twenty second day of January, Anno Domini, 1840.

Present.

The Chairman and the whole board of School Committee, except Messrs. Mariett, Groswell, Butts, Newell, & Lewis.

The committee to whom was referred the nomination of the primary school committee, made by the Chairman, at the last meeting, reported, that the printed list be appointed, with the following exceptions, viz: Dist. No. 2. E. F. Pratt in place of J. D. Butts. E. M. Snelling in place of W. Eastin. Dist. No. 6. E. F. Moring, in place of J. M. Enys. H. G. Wiley in place of John Sullivan. Dist. No. 1. Chester Daniel in place of S. D. Newman. Read, accepted, & agreeably thereto, the Chairman made the following nomination of the primary school committee, which nomination was confirmed by the board. Primary School. com<sup>ee</sup>

124 and they were appointed as members of said com<sup>tee</sup> as follows: 1842

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| George W. Otis, jr.            | Rufus G. Norris               | Eliza Hill                     |
| A. A. Gould                    | Erin A. Croft                 | Chas. C. Barry                 |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> . M. Burnay   | Ab <sup>l</sup> . G. Wyman    | N. Metcalf, Jr.                |
| John Leutter                   | Lewis G. Pray                 | E. F. Moberg                   |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> . Chapman     | Sam <sup>l</sup> . Reed       | Joseph Luntis                  |
| A. B. Wheeler                  | Sam <sup>l</sup> . Brown      | W <sup>m</sup> . P. Jarvis     |
| A. W. Bourne                   | David F. Tuma                 | W. R. Savett                   |
| Henry Clapp, jr.               | Rich <sup>d</sup> . W. Bayley | Thos <sup>t</sup> . Bullard    |
| W <sup>m</sup> . A. Weeks      | E. P. Harbourn                | John Flint                     |
| Asa B. Snow                    | Elijah Cobb                   | Sam <sup>l</sup> . F. Morse    |
| W <sup>m</sup> . Parkman       | James Tolman                  | Edw <sup>d</sup> . Haynes, Jr. |
| J. Moriarty                    | Emek Abbott                   | W <sup>m</sup> . C. Jenkins    |
| Jos. W. Ingraham               | Archibut D. Parker            | Willis Jones                   |
| Henry Andrews                  | Thos <sup>t</sup> . Hanning   | Franklin Fox                   |
| Thos <sup>t</sup> . Hesticaux  | J. N. Daniell                 | John B. Hobbins                |
| Henry G. Clark                 | Warren J. Whitney             | Henry Safford                  |
| E. W. Leach                    | J. H. Whipple                 | A. P. Allen                    |
| Christopher Cox                | J. H. Barnstead               | John Tuttle                    |
| Geo. Sutherland, jr.           | J. P. Preston                 | Tim <sup>l</sup> . Beddington  |
| And <sup>w</sup> . Gower       | W <sup>m</sup> . D. Ticknor   | Hugh Montgomery                |
| John B. McLeary                | L. A. Marvin                  | Alvan Simonds                  |
| Elijah Stearns                 | Lorenzo J. Oragin             | Ezra Weston, Jr.               |
| G. H. Lodge                    | Chas <sup>t</sup> . Jones     | Sam <sup>l</sup> . Wheeler     |
| E. F. Pratt                    | W <sup>m</sup> . Howe         | Joseph Dall                    |
| E. H. Snelling                 | B. P. Richardson              | J. T. Sargent                  |
| J. H. Dix                      | James B. Dow                  | Jos <sup>t</sup> . H. Sayward  |
| A. J. Richardson               | Thos <sup>t</sup> . Adams     | Am <sup>l</sup> . L. Crocker   |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> . G. Simpkins | Sam <sup>l</sup> . T. Coit    | Edmund Jackson                 |
| Geo <sup>t</sup> . A. Sumner   | H. G. Wiley                   | George Rogers                  |

Norrey Newcomb  
Chester Daniel

Francis Dana,  
Cha: M. Sumner

Sam. Ordway  
Guy C. Haynes

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Mr. Bolles made the following motion, for a  
amendment of the rules, which was read and laid upon the  
table, viz: "Resolved, That the 15<sup>th</sup> Sect. of the 1<sup>st</sup> Chap.  
of the rules of this board be so amended, as to require of the  
board having charge of the primary schools, to make to this board  
an annual report of their proceedings, and of the state of the  
schools under their charge; such report to be made in the month  
of

Rules amend<sup>d</sup>

proposed

The Sub Committee of the English High School to whom  
was referred a communication, purporting to be signed by J. Child and  
Samuel D. Rose, together with a paper accompanying said commun-  
ication purporting to be a copy of a Petition signed by Mr. Ayer & fifty sev-  
en others, having sons connected with the English High School, praying  
that the rule now reading "The school shall commence at 9 A.M. and end  
12 M. & in the afternoon at 2 1/2 & end at 4 1/2" may be altered so as to read  
"shall commence at 9 A.M. & end at 2 P.M." ask leave to Report; -

English High  
School.

That they have carefully considered the request preferred in said Peti-  
tion, & are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought not to be granted.  
In the adopting of Regulations for the government of the Public Schools,  
the primary object of the Committee should be to establish such a syst-  
em, as will best promote the advancement of the pupils in the studies whic  
they are pursuing, having at the same time a due regard to their  
physical welfare. The mere convenience of the parents should be  
but a secondary consideration, & while the City annually appro-  
priates an amount equal to one fourth part of the whole expen-  
ditures of the City, for the education of our children & youth, every  
parent ought cheerfully to make such sacrifices, in the way of  
giving.

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up the time of their children's disposing with their personal services, as may enable them to enjoy the full benefit of the advantages to be derived from our public schools. To some parents it might be a convenience to have the time & services of their sons during the afternoon, but it is apprehended the number would be small who for the sake of this convenience would desire to change the Regulation of the School, to the detriment of the intellectual improvement of their children. What should the proposed change be made to meet the wishes of such parents, if any there be. There is reason to believe it would interfere with the convenience of others & perhaps a still larger number of parents. In the early history of the English High School, the plan of having but one session in a day was tried, & complaints were then made by the parents of inconveniences attending the arrangement; by some that it was troublesome to the Mothers having their sons at home all the afternoon in the week; by others that it interfered with their domestic arrangements in regard to the hour of dinner; And for these or other reasons, the hours of attendance at this school were made to conform to those of the other public schools in the city. But the Committee are of opinion that a very serious objection to the proposed change exists in the fact, that thereby a large proportion of the boys would be tempted, & perhaps allowed by their parents, to devote all their afternoons to amusement. The time thus appropriated would without doubt be abundantly employed by most of them, & it is to be feared so much so by many of them, as to leave no room of bodily or mental vigor to attend to the studies which would thereby be crowded into the evening. That sufficient time should be allowed the day for exercise & recreation no one will deny but the set same long walks of which complaint is made by the Petitioners will well answer the purpose of exercise & the afternoon in the week devoted wholly to recreation with the fragments of time on other days, which boys will find for that purpose, it is believed will answer all needed purposes. Although it is doubtless true that

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of the boys are under the necessity of walking a long distance to attend school, yet the inconvenience to which they are thus subjected, is but a trifle compared with the hardships which boys & girls in the country, of much more tender years encounter, without complaint, in order to enjoy the advantages of their common town schools. And the Committee apprehend a case will rarely be found, where a boy suffers any serious evil in consequence of his long walk even on a "black & cold December day!" That there are extreme cases in which one session a day would be desirable, the Committee readily admit, such as when the weather is intensely cold, or there is a very violent storm; but they conceive sufficient provision already exists for such cases in the authority now exercised by the masters, with the tacit approval of the board, to dispense on such occasions with the afternoon session, continuing the morning session until 2 o'clock. The Committee therefore recommend that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition. For Order. Wm. J. Hubbard, Chairman. The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

A. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

178.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourth day of February, A. D. 1840.

Present.

The Chairman, and whole board of School committee, except Messrs. Grosvenor, Barnes, Meale, Lowell and Gay.

Semi annual returns.

Semi annual returns were made by the masters of all the schools.

Schedule of pupils &

Teachers

The Secretary laid upon the table an abstract of the semi annual returns from the masters of the grammar & writing schools, containing the number of pupils and the instructors in each school; and the number of female teachers <sup>each</sup> is entitled to have.

Quarterly reports.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the schools, except the Wells school, which were severally read & accepted.

Winthrop School

The committee of the Winthrop School nominated Nancy Brooks as an assistant teacher in that school, in place of Miss Walker deceased, which nomination was confirmed, & she was appointed accordingly.

Johnson School

Communication from the Masters of the Johnson School, requesting additional articles of philosophical apparatus, for the use of said school. Read & referred to the committee on books.

Smith School

Resolved. That the sum of thirty five dollars be appropriated for the purchase of books and stationery for the use of indigent pupils in the Smith School; the same to be taken from the income of the Smith fund.

Ordered, That the salary of the late Symon 179.  
S. Bowker, Usher in the Adams School be continued until the end Bowker  
of the quarter in which he died, viz. December 31<sup>st</sup> 1839.

Ordered, That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bolles, Boies & Noyes be Johnson scho  
a committee to examine into certain evils complained of in the  
quarterly report, this day made by the sub-committee of the  
Johnson school, and to report a plan, with estimates of the ex  
penses of removing said evils.

Petitions of Samuel Shattuck and others, and of Shattuck, Th<sup>o</sup>  
Joseph Eustis and others, parents and guardians of pupils attending Pot<sup>us</sup>  
the Johnson school, praying, that the hours of that school, during the  
winter season, may be from nine to two o'clock. Read and laid  
upon the table.

Petition of James B. Richardson, and others, Richardson  
having children attending the Boylston school, praying that the Boylston Sch.  
morning hour for beginning school, from the month of April to  
October, be altered, so that the time for commencing school, may  
be nine o'clock, instead of eight. Read & laid on the table.

The Committee who were instructed "to ascertain the number Pupils Belong  
of pupils attending the Franklin, Johnson, Mather, Adams & Boylston schools, and to  
devise some method of more equal distribution of the pupils among the said  
schools" respectfully submit the following Report. The number of seats in each  
of the schools designated is four hundred, except the Boylston school which has  
only 396. There are belonging to the Franklin school 191 girls & 259 boys. The aver  
age attendance is 144 girls & 218 boys. Being an excess of the latter over the num  
ber of seats provided for them. The Johnson school has 433 female pup  
ils belonging to it. But the average attendance does not so far exceed  
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The accommodations as to occasion inconvenience. The Winthrop school has 294 boys on its roll; the average attendance is about 244. The Adams school has 195 girls, average attendance of 220. There are belonging to the Boylston school 243 girls & 225 boys. The attendance of girls is on the average about 229 that of boys averages 185. Though it occasionally exceeds the number of seats provided for them. From this statement it appears that no action is necessary in regard to the Johnson school, it being filled but having no inconvenient excess of pupils. Although there is an excess of boys belonging to the Franklin school, the master is of opinion, that the number will be gradually reduced, without resorting to a transfer. The female department is not entirely filled, but as it is the only Grammar school south of the Johnson in which there are no vacancies, there can be no doubt that all the seats will soon be occupied. Of the five schools therefore in regard to which the inquiry was directed, it appears to be necessary to make a change only in three. The Boylston has an excess of both sexes. The Adams an excess of boys & a deficiency of girls, while the Winthrop has the means of accommodating an additional number of boys. The most simple & eligible course therefore seems to be, to transfer the supernumerary boys of the Boylston & the Adams schools to the Winthrop, and as many girls from the Boylston to the Adams as will relieve the former from its excess of numbers. This arrangement can be carried into effect as your Committee believe with very little inconvenience. Conceiving it to be the intention of the Board that the Committee should suggest some mode by which a more equal distribution of pupils, among the schools referred to, should not only be made, but maintained, they have considered the subject with that view & are of opinion that it is expedient to regulate admission into these several schools by a system having reference to territorial limits, such an arrangement they think would tend to preserve harmony among the schools, remove all reasonable ground of complaint on the part of parents on this point in a great measure prevent

prevent the necessity of transfers which can scarcely be made without exciting 181.  
discontent if not remonstrance. So much do the Committee deprecate  
changes of this nature, that they think it judicious to guard as far as  
possible against their recurrence. As expressive of their own opinions  
the Committee submit the following order. Th. Abbot, for the Committee.

Ordered, that the surplus number of boys in the Boul-  
ston & Adams schools be transferred to the Winthrop school & the surplus  
number of girls in the Boulston be transferred to the Adams school.  
Such transfers to be made under the direction of a special committee  
of this board, & that said Committee be instructed & authorized to prescribe  
a system based on territorial limits by which shall be regulated  
future admissions into the Franklin, Johnson, Adams, Winthrop &  
Boulston schools. The foregoing report was read, & accepted,  
and thereupon ordered, that the committee who reported it, be  
and they are hereby appointed to carry the same into effect.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

C. H. McLeary,

Secretary.

182.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the fifth day of May, A. D. 1840.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board of School committee except Messrs. Butts, Olney & Boies.

Quarterly rep<sup>s</sup>

Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the schools.

Winthrop sch.

The sub committee of the Winthrop school nominated Maria J. Bryant, as an assistant teacher of said school in place of Evelina Crane, resigned; which nomination was confirmed, & she was appointed accordingly.

Johnson sch.

The sub committee of the Johnson school nominated Martha Town, as an assistant teacher of said school in place of Elizabeth A. Town, resigned; which nomination was confirmed, & she was appointed accordingly.

Mayhew sch.

The sub committee of the Mayhew School among other subjects reported, that M<sup>r</sup>. Swan the grammar master in consequence of the feeble state of his health, was obliged to relinquish his duties for a few weeks. The sub committee are happy to say, that M<sup>r</sup>. Swan has returned to the school, with his health perfectly restored. During the absence of the grammar master, the sub committee employed M<sup>r</sup>. Robt. D. Green to be temporary charge, who has given full satisfaction, in the fact he has filled M<sup>r</sup>. Green was employed from the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, to the 2<sup>d</sup> of May, inclusive, they therefore recommend the passage of the following order: — Ordered, that the usual salary of an usher

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in the writing school, be granted to Mr. Robert B. Gore, for eight 183.  
weeks; being the time, that he has acted as assistant teacher in the  
Mayhew School. Report read and accepted, & the order passed.

The <sup>sub</sup>committee of the Endicott school among other sub- Endicott sch.  
jects reported, that on Saturday last, just eleven months from its  
organization, this school was removed to the new building just com-  
pleted in Cooper street, for its accommodated, by the liberality of the  
city.

Ordered. That the sub-committee of the Endicott Endicott sch.  
school, be authorized to provide the same with the customary  
maps and map exhibiton.

The sub-committee of the Hawes school among other Hawes sch.  
matters reported, that there are fifty one boys more than there  
are seats to accommodate in the writing room, fifty eight more  
than there are seats, in the grammar room. There are thirty five  
girls more than there are seats in the writing room, forty two  
more than there are seats in the grammar room. During the last  
month there have been about twenty five pupils discharged from  
the school, and about seventy five added. On the day of exami-  
nation there were present in the writing room where there is the  
greatest number of seats 258 boys, 17 more than there are seats,  
& 228 girls. As the weather was unfavorable yesterday, the masters  
expressed their belief, that several more would be added to the  
number of pupils, during the week. This statement, we think, will  
convince the board, that it is necessary that a new school should  
be immediately established in South Boston. It might be furnished  
with temporary accommodations; yet they believe, that it should  
be supplied, very soon, with a new school house, that it may

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1844. enjoy equal privileges with its kindred institutions.

Mead,

Sch. South Boston. on the petition of Charles Mead, Father, Inhabitants of ward 1<sup>st</sup>,  
praying that the board would take measures to procure the es-  
tablishment of another grammar & writing school in South Boston,  
to which is appended the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the School committee, measures  
should be taken to provide for establishment of an additional  
grammar and writing school in South Boston.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the board of School committee  
be requested to present a copy of this report to the City Council.

Read and on the question of accepting and passing said reso-  
lutions, it was decided in the negative. A motion was ~~made~~  
afterwards made to reconsider said vote, which motion ~~decided~~ in  
affirmation, and ~~the same~~ was laid upon the table.

Franklin sch.

The sub-committee of the Franklin school among  
other matters reported, that on the day of the examination there  
were present 208 boys, & 148 girls; the whole number belonging  
to said school being 246 boys, & 197 girls. It will be perceived  
there were 246 boys at the time of such examination, regular  
pupils. Yesterday 44 more made applications to be received,  
residents mostly south of the school house. There were more ap-  
plicants, whose requests could not even be considered, as with these  
44, the number is now 290, crowded & compressed in one apart-  
ment. There is a great excess of boys, & vacant seats for girls;  
therefore in this school there being only 1/5 females present  
yesterday, new scholars included. It therefore becomes impera-  
tive on the committee to provide accommodations for those boys.  
There is an apartment occupied as a ward room in the building

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which might be fitted up for the purpose, and which has been 185.  
used for a similar emergency. They therefore propose, that the  
sub-committee be authorized to carry the same into effect and  
provide a suitable person to be employed as a teacher.

The said report being read, the following motions were  
made—viz: Ordered, that the sub-committee of the Frank-  
lin School be authorized to fit up the ward room in said build-  
ing, for the accommodation of the same.

Ordered, That the Winthrop and Johnson Schools, Winthrop Johnson  
be organized as mixed schools and upon the old system. Sch.

The foregoing report, and several motions were referred  
to Messrs Palmer, Adams, Gay, Groswell and Bolles, with  
instructions to report on Tuesday next.

(Ordered, That the sub-committee of the English English High  
High School be instructed to consider the expediency of dispensing Sch.  
with the office of teacher of the French language;—also the office  
of teacher of penmanship.

Petitions of Andrew J. Loud, usher of the Johnson Johnson &  
School, and Daniel French, usher of the Winthrop School, that Winthrop Sch.  
their salaries may be raised. Read & referred to the committee  
who have under consideration the motion to alter the organ-  
ization of said schools, to consider and report.

(Ordered, that Messrs Parker, Adams & Carter be a Grammar Schools  
com<sup>ee</sup> to visit the several English grammar schools & critically ex-  
amine the ~~same~~ pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order  
to ascertain the condition of said schools; said com<sup>ee</sup> to report previously  
to the annual election of the instructors; that the appointments  
of

180. of the board on that occasion may be judiciously made.

Writing schools

Ordered, That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Newell, Bolles and Dyson, be a committee to visit the several writing schools, for the purpose mentioned in the preceding orders.

Let<sup>r</sup> of the grammar mas-  
ter of the Boylston School,  
praying, that an Usher,  
may be appointed for s<sup>d</sup>  
Sch. Ref<sup>d</sup> to the sub-com-  
tee of s<sup>d</sup> School.

Adjourned to Tuesday next, 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest,

(S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of May, - Anno Domini, 1840.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board of School committee, except Mess<sup>rs</sup> Olney, Emerson, Lowell, Winslow, Lewis, Bolles & Noyes.

English High Sch.

The Sub-Committee of the English High School, who were instructed by an order of the Board, passed on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant "to consider the expediency of dispensing with the office of Teacher of the French Language, also the office of Teacher of Penmanship in the said School"—have attended to that duty, and respectfully submit the following Report.

The Committee deem it important that instruction should be imparted to the pupils in the High School, in both these branches. Were it indispensable to this end, that the Instructors now employed in these departments should be retained, the committee would not venture to recommend

to the Board to dispense with their services. The expenses of 187.  
the School, it is true, are large, and it will be readily ad-  
mitted in the present state of our financial affairs, that a  
rigid economy should be introduced into the system,  
expenditures for the department of education, where it can  
with propriety be done - as well as in all other branches  
of the public services. This branch of the public service  
however, it is believed is the last, in which the citizens of  
Boston would desire or even tolerate a parsimonious spirit  
on the part of their agents. Public sentiment not only ap-  
proves, but demands, that the requisite number of Instruct-  
ors and those of suitable qualifications should be employ-  
ed in our public schools. The standard of education  
should not be reduced; our schools have long been and  
we trust <sup>ever</sup> will be the ornament and pride of our city.  
Any burdens which it may be necessary to impose on our  
citizens for their liberal and honorable support, will be  
cheerfully borne. But advantage should not be taken  
of this liberality of feeling to introduce a continuance in any  
of our schools a lavish or unnecessary expenditure of  
public money. The Committee are of opinion that the  
payment of \$1200. per annum, for the support of the  
Office of the Teacher of the French Language and  
Teacher of Penmanship is a lavish and unnecessary expen-  
diture. The master, submaster, and union of the High  
School, are all acquainted with the French Language  
and do in fact, at least in some of the classes, instruct  
the scholars as well in the lessons recited to the French  
Teacher, as also in other French lessons not recited to him.  
In the opinion of the Committee the only peculiar ad-  
vantage

advantage to be expected from the instruction of the French Teacher, who is a Frenchman. He will, in the acquisition of a more correct pronunciation of the language, than an American in ordinary circumstances can communicate.

The present teacher hears two recitations weekly from each of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> classes two recitations weekly from each of the two divisions of the 3<sup>d</sup> class directing an hour to each exercise making a total of eight hours devoted by him each week to the whole school. The committee consider it very doubtful whether any essential benefit accrues to the scholars, in respect to pronunciation from the very short time that they receive the instructions of their French Teacher. It is believed that the Master of the school, with the assistance of the sub-master and usher, is fully competent to give such instruction in the grammar, idiom and pronunciation of the language, as will enable the scholars to read and write French with facility, and more than sufficient to read and understand of the boys who attend this school, ever have occasion for any further knowledge of the language than this. If the Committee are correct in this opinion, they cannot believe that the dubious advantages to be derived by this small number from the instructions of the French teacher, will justify the expenditure of \$500<sup>00</sup> annually for the support of this office, the duties of which require the incumbent to devote only eight hours in each week to their discharge. The Committee through their chairman have conferred with the master of the school, and although he expresses no wish for a change in the present arrangement, he is perfectly willing if the Board require it, and the Committee believe he is fully competent

to take upon himself the responsibility of the French 188.  
Department, as well as of Instructor in the English branches.  
With his present assistants there will be no difficulty  
in carrying such an arrangement into successful execution.  
By adopting as one of the regulations of the School  
that all teachers desirous to be appointed should be com-  
petent to give instruction in the French language, it is be-  
lieved that the arrangement may be made a permanent  
one, and that it will prove as satisfactory & beneficial  
to the school, if not more so than the present plan.

The teacher of penmanship gives two lessons a week to each  
of the three classes; devoting half an hour to each lesson, mak-  
ing six lessons of half an hour each, or three hours week-  
ly devoted to the whole school, for which service, con-  
nected with the necessary preparation of copies, books  
and pens, he receives from the City \$600. per annum. The  
Committee cannot think that the advantages derived by  
the boys from the services of this gentleman are sufficient  
to warrant this expenditure. They do not mean in any  
way to disparage the skill or fidelity of this gentleman in  
his branch of instruction. But most of the boys in this  
School have had the advantage of instruction in pen-  
manship for years in the writing department of our  
English grammar school. Now, when, under the  
pressure, they suddenly acquire a new and different  
manipulation to prepare them for check books, stores and  
counting rooms. In the High School they have to write  
themes and other exercises, the repetition of which serves to  
some degree to preserve, if not improve their previously  
acquired skill; but probably these exercises do not require

so frequent a use of the pen as would be desirable; and the Committee think it important, that all the scholars should practise writing as an exercise; at least as often as they now attend to it, that is, twice a week it might reasonably be required of the present instructors that they should reserve this exercise, and if not themselves sufficiently expert penmen to write the copies for the boys, they might be furnished with copy-ships to be used instead - the Committee think the experiment ought to be tried. In conclusion the Committee are unanimously of opinion, that it is inexpedient to dispense with the offices of Teacher of the French Language and Teacher of Penmanship, in the English High School; but as the gentlemen who are now incumbents of those offices, were appointed with the understanding that they should hold their offices for one year, they do not advise that the present arrangements should be changed until the expiration of the year. The Committee submit for the consideration of the Board and recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolutions. Henry Hubbard Chairman.

Resolved, That from and after the next August vacation the office of Teacher of the French Language and also the office of Teacher of Penmanship in the English High School be discontinued.

Resolved, that from and after the next August vacation the Master, Sub-Master and Usner of the English High School, be required to instruct the respective classes under their charge in the French Language and to require as many recitations from the scholars in that department

as are required under the present system.

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Resolved, that it be a standing regulation of the English High School, that all Instructors hereafter to be appointed to said School shall be competent to instruct their pupils in the French language.

Resolved, that notwithstanding the discontinuance of the office of teacher of penmanship, it shall be a standing regulation of the English High School, that each Scholar devote at least an hour or two several days in each week to the practice of penmanship as an exercise, under the supervision of one of the permanent instructors.

The foregoing report was read & accepted, and the rules were altered accordingly.

Resolved, That from the first Monday of April to the first Monday in October annually the Latin Grammar & English High Schools shall begin at 8 o'clock a.m. and end at 11 o'clock a.m. and that so much of the 9<sup>th</sup> section of the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of the regulations, as is inconsistent with this resolution, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Latin & English  
High Schools.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the English High School be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding One Hundred dollars, for the purchase of such work, for the use of said school as they may judge would be useful as books of reference.

Eng. High Sch.  
Books.

The special committee appointed to take into consideration the order proposed in the last quarterly report of the

Franklin Sch.  
Johnson & Wentworth  
Boylston & Adams.

the sub-committee of the Franklin School, the order of  
-ferred as an amendment thereof by Dr. Palmer, & also the  
petition of the masters of the Johnson & Winthrop Schools  
for increase of salary - and on the evening of May 9<sup>th</sup>  
after debate - Voted unanimously that it be re-  
-commended to the Board to fit up the Ward room con-  
-nected with the North & Baylston School houses  
for the present accommodation of the surplus scholars  
of those two schools - & after the August vacation to  
make the Baylston School a school for girls exclusively,  
& the Adams School a school for boys exclusively.

The chairman of the Committee differing from the  
majority opinion, requested that the report of the  
-dings of this meeting be presented by some other person,  
& therefore it was determined that the report be sign-  
-ed by the other four members of the Committee & by  
them handed to His Honor the Mayor. In regard to  
the matter of salaries it was Voted that the sub-  
-ject of increase of salary be referred to the next quar-  
-terly meeting of the general Board. L. B. Adams.

John A. Rolley. William Crosswell. Martin Gay.

Read & laid on the table.

Minority report. Dr. Palmer one of the Committee appointed on the above sub-  
-ject made a minority report, which he read.

Ms. 11. Memorial of the Inhabitants of Ward No. 11 respect-  
-ing the Franklin School was read.

Johnson. A memorial of the parents of pupils in the John-  
-son School against any change in the same was read.

Richardson. A memorial of James B. Richardson & others

against

against removing the boys from the Ryehton School 190.  
to the Winthrop School, was read. All the fore-  
going were ordered to be laid upon the table.

Ordered, that the sub-committee of the Hawes School  
Hawes School be authorized to hire and cause to  
be fitted up some suitable room, in such part of Wair  
No 12 as they may judge convenient, for the accommo-  
dation of those children connected with the Hawes  
School who cannot be accommodated in that school  
house, and that they also be authorized to appoint  
a teacher or teachers to take charge of said children  
such appointment to be subject to the ratification  
of this Board provided that the expense of the  
whole do not exceed the sum of \$2000. for the  
present financial year.

Ordered, that the Committee heretofore Scholars on equalizing.  
appointed to equalize the number of scholars in  
the five Southern grammar schools, - be instructed  
-ed to cause the same to be done within two weeks  
from the present time; confining the changes for the  
present to individuals not in the upper class in  
said schools & the territorial limits prescribed  
by them to take effect as to all future admissions.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Coleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourth day of August, A. D. 1840.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. Coraswell, Neale, Winslow, Boies, and Noyes.

Semi annual  
returns.

Semi annual returns were made by the masters of all the Schools. The Secretary made an abstract of the returns of the masters of the several grammar and writing schools, containing the number of pupils, and instructors in each school, and the number of female teachers each is entitled to have. Read and filed.

Quarterly reports.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees of all the schools, which were read and accepted.

Grammar schools  
annual rep<sup>t</sup>.

The committee appointed to visit the several grammar schools, and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of those schools. Reported, at large, as on file. Which report was read & accepted.

Writing schools  
annual rep<sup>t</sup>.

The committee appointed to visit the several writing schools, and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of those schools. Reported, at large, as on file. Which report was read and accepted.

English High sch.

The sub-committee of the English High School recommended to the board that the salary of the Master of said school for the coming year be fixed at one thousand dollars. Read, accepted and ordered accordingly.

The sub-committee of the Endicott School reported the 192.  
appointment of Miss Mary Torrin, on the first of May last, for Endicott sch.  
confirmation. Thereupon ordered, that said appointment be con-  
firmed, and she was appointed accordingly.

The sub-committee of the Hancock school nominated for as Hancock sch.  
sistant teacher Miss Mary F. Morton vice Miss Elizabeth E. Morton, re-  
signed; this appointment was made on first of July last; The same  
was confirmed and she was appointed accordingly.

The sub-committee of the Adams school nominated Mr. Adams sch.  
George S. Parker, for the office of usher, the duties of which have  
for some months past been satisfactorily discharged by him under  
a temporary appointment by the committee. The same was con-  
firmed and he was appointed accordingly.

The sub-committee of the Hawes school reported, that they Hawes sch.  
have hired and caused to be fitted up a room for the accommodation  
of a portion of the children belonging to said school. They have  
hired the Franklin Hall, at \$200 per annum; the cost of fitting  
up, benches &c. \$208, 10. They have appointed Mr. J. A. Battles to  
take charge of that portion of the school, and Miss Lucy Floyd  
& Miss Lydia Sophronia Brooks assistants. These teachers all belong  
ed to the Hawes school. Said committee appointed Mr. Charles  
A. Morrill, who commenced his labours on the first monday after  
the June vacation. Accepted, and the above appointments were  
confirmed, and they were appointed accordingly.

The sub-committee of the Latin School reported, that Latin Sch.  
during the past summer, Mr. Hale, one of the ushers was confined  
at

193. at home, by sickness, for three weeks. During that time his place was supplied by M<sup>r</sup>. George Hayward, and the committee recommended, that the usual compensation of an usher in the Latin school be allowed to M<sup>r</sup>. Hayward, for the time of his services. Accepted and ordered accordingly.

Winthrop Sch.

The sub committee of the Winthrop school, reported, that since the last meeting, Miss Lydia E. C. Morse, was nominated as an instructor in this school. Ordered, that said nomination be confirmed, & she was appointed accordingly.

Smith Sch.

The sub committee of the Smith school, reported, that it having become necessary, that some addition should be made to the department of instruction, they on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July appointed Joseph M. Putman, a member of said school, to be a monitor, with a compensation of \$100 per annum, and they would now request the sanction of the board to this appointment. Accepted & thereupon

Resolved, That a compensation, at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum, commencing the 15<sup>th</sup> of June last, be allowed to Joseph M. Putman, for services as monitor in the Smith school, and that the same be continued until the further order of this board.

Boylston Sch.

Ordered, that the master of the writing department of the Boylston school be chosen for three months only.

Musical performance

Ordered, That the Chairman of this board be requested to cause a convention of the first and second classes of the grammar and writing schools, on Tuesday next, at four o'clock, P. M. at the Room, or some other convenient place, for the purpose of a musical performance.

Voted, to proceed by ballot, to the choice of masters of all the public schools, and the votes being taken, it appeared, that the following persons were chosen, viz:

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Masters, ushers & Instructors chosen

Latin school Epes Sargent Dixwell.

English High Thomas Sherwin.

Eliot school David B. Tower, grammar master. Levi Conant, writing master.

Hancock " William J. Adams " Peter Mackintosh, Jr. "

Endicott " George Allen, jr. " Loring Lottrop "

Mayhew " William D. Swan " Aaron D. Capen "

Bowdoin " Abraham Andrews " James Robinson "

Boylston " Charles Fox " Aaron B. Hoyt "

Adams " Samuel Barrett " Josiah Fairbanks "

Franklin " Barnum Field " Nathan Merrill "

Wells " Cornelius Walker " Reuben Swan, jr. "

Howes " Frederick Craftli " John A. Harris "

Johnson School Richard G. Parker, master.

Winthrop " Henry Williams, jr. "

Lyman " Albert Bowker "

Smith " Abner Forbes "

The following persons were nominated by the sub-committees of the several schools, which nominations were confirmed by the board, and they were appointed accordingly, viz: Latin Francis Gardner, sub master; Edward E. Hale, usher; Jonathan Snelling, teacher of writing. English High Luther Robinson, sub master, Fra: S. Williams, usher. Lyman Mary Thornton, assistant. Eliot George Tower, & Jacob H. Kent, ushers; Caroline W. Carter, and Elizabeth Skinner, assistants. Hancock Adeline Howe, Mary Ann Pierce, Laura Stevens, Delia C. Gould, Catharine W. Snelling & Mary F. Morton, assistants. Endicott Oliver C. Gaptill, usher. Angelina A. Bingham, Ann M. Wight & Mary Torrey, assistants. Mayhew William K. Taill & Benjamin Drew, jr. ushers. Mary J.

Walker.

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Walker, & Mary Wheelers, assistants. Bowdoin. Mary A. Murdoch, Elizabeth Lincoln; Schastine Lincoln; Francis M. Robinson; Sarah B. Johnson; & Mary A. Robinson, assistants. Boylston. E. A. T. Fitzpatrick, Margaret L. Emery, Harriet E. Emery, Clarinda, R. F. Treadwell, & Susan A. Bates, assistants. Adams. George S. Parker, usher, Mary E. Swift, Mary S. Barker, Sarah E. Weld, Elizabeth M. Emerson, & Harriet D. Williams, assistants. Franklin. Joseph T. Swan, usher. Hannah S. Tirrell, Sarah Ann Gale, & Abigail E. Baldwin, assistants. Wells. William H. Swan, usher. Matilda A. Gerry, Hannah J. Woodman, Caroline Otis, & Charlotte Woodman, assistants. Hawes. Jonathan Battles, jr. & Charles A. Morrill, ushers, Susan B. Cooke, Lucy Floyd, Julia M. Baxter, Harriet W. Goodridge, Lydia S. Brooks & Mary E. Clark, assistants. Johnson. Andrew J. Lord, usher, Rebecca P. Barry, Martha Towne, L. C. Cootting, Sarah Ann Belding, Helen A. Don, & Emma J. Knapp, assistants. Winthrop. Daniel French, usher, Eliza L. Felt, Lydia E. C. Morse, Maria J. Bryant, Charles E. H. Richardson, teacher of penmanship in the Johnson & Winthrop Schools. Smith. Sarah Forbes and Susan Paul, assistants. Joseph H. Putman, Monitor.

Hawes Sch.

usher's salary.

Voted, that the salary of Jonathan D. Battles, jr. in the Hawes School, who has charge of the extra school be fixed at eight hundred dollars per annum.

Salaries.

Voted, that the salaries of the several instructors in the public schools for the ensuing year be the same as the last year, excepting those which have been fixed, by a special vote of this day. And also of the Endicott School, which shall be the same as the grammar and writing schools, above set forth.

Ordered, that Messrs Emerson, Gordon and  
Palmer, be a standing committee on music.

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Music com<sup>ee</sup>

Ordered, that the Chairman of this board  
be requested to appoint a member of the board or one of the  
School masters, whose duty it shall be, on the day of ex-  
hibition, to meet the boys in the Common Council room, who  
shall have received medals, to propose to them certain expe-  
dencies respecting the part they are to take in the festi-  
vities of the day, and to preside at their table.

Medal boys.

Memorial of the masters of the Boylston  
School, respecting the appointment of an usher for that  
school. Read and laid upon the table.

Boylston sch.

Ordered, that Fowler's Bible Reader, be referred  
to the committee on books. Also the National Reader.

Books.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

*S. M. Cleary,*

Secretary.

(At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday the third day of November, A. 1840.)

Present

The Chairman, Messrs. Maret, Butts, Barnes, Palmer, Newell, Clark, Dyer, Lowell, Hubbard, Gordon, Gay, Adams, Wigglesworth, Parker, Lewis, Bolles, Skinner and Whittemore.

Quarterly rep<sup>ts</sup>

Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the Schools, which were read and accepted.

Latin School

Usher & books

The sub-committee of the Latin School, reported, that in consequence of the resignation of M<sup>r</sup>. Townsend in August last, they have since the vacation, employed M<sup>r</sup>. George Stanley Parker, as an assistant teacher. They now request the board to confirm his appointment. They also request that Sophocles' Greek grammar & Estlin Greek Reader, be added to the books permitted to be used in the School. They make this request, because, after the next year all who present themselves for admission to Harvard College, will be examined in these books. Accepted and the above nomination confirmed.

Johnson sch.

The sub-committee of the Johnson School nominated Judith E. Parker, as assistant teacher in place of Charlotte Crotting resigned, Sep. 30<sup>th</sup>. Which nomination was confirmed.

Adams sch.

The sub-committee of the Adams School, reported, that since the last report, they have placed M<sup>r</sup>. Josiah A. Stearns as usher, in place of M<sup>r</sup>. George S. Parker resigned. Which nomination was confirmed.

The sub-committee of the Hancock School 198.  
nominated Miss Gale, as an assistant teacher in place of Miss Laura Hancock who  
Stevens resigned. Which nomination was confirmed.

The sub-committee of the Franklin School Franklin sch.  
nominated Catharine T. Simonds as an assistant teacher in  
the writing department. She entered on the duties of that office  
on the first day of October last. Which nomination was confirmed.

Petition of Jonathan Snelling, teacher of writing Snelling,  
in the Latin School for additional compensation. Read and  
referred to Messrs. Wigglesworth, Bolles and Lewis, to consider &  
report.

Petition of Otis, Broaders & Co. book sellers, Otis, Broaders & Co.  
that Goodrich's comprehensive readers be used in the grammar  
schools. Ref. to com. on books.

Memorial of Samuel Barrett, grammar master Adams Sch.  
ter of the Adams school, stating that the number of boys be-  
longing to said school on the first instant was 249, that since  
that time 25 have been received, & 3 discharged, leaving the  
present number 271, there were in actual attendance this  
morning 243. There are in the room but 200 seats. It is  
thought that by bringing the southern limit between that school  
& the Franklin School, which now runs through Brango school,  
nearer to the Adams school, or by some other means the  
number may be reduced. Read & referred to the committee  
on distribution of pupils, with full power.

Doctor Lewis and the Rev. Mr. Skinner Johnson Sch.  
were appointed on the sub-committee of the Johnson school.

-Fowler-  
Bible Reader.  
National Reader.

The Book committee to whom was referred the application of William B. Fowler, recommending the introduction of his ~~public~~ Bible Reader into the schools under our care, respectfully report, that they have examined the work, & consider it a valuable addition to the class of School & Family reading books; but they do not think it expedient to introduce it into the schools, as they cannot perceive that any great advantage would arise from so doing, and the purchase of the text books used at present is a considerable tax on the poorer part of the parents. The National Reader the reading book of the second class in our schools was also referred to them, that they might consider whether it were best to discontinue the use of it. Your committee, and many, perhaps all of the grammar masters, regard the National Reader as not suitable to the place which it occupies in our schools. A reading book intended for the second class obviously should consist of easier pieces than a book intended for the first class. But on comparing the National Reader with the first class book, the former will be found to require at least as much maturity of mind in the pupil as the latter. In fact your committee think that a selection of the easiest pieces in the first class book would form a better body of reading lessons for the second class than is furnished by the National Reader. Your committee do not see that any inconvenience would arise from using the easier portion of the First Class Book as the reading lessons of the second class, for the book is so large that it affords reading matter enough for both of the upper classes. It seems to your committee therefore that the National Reader is not needed in the schools, & that it would be better to make the First Class Book, the

reading book of the second class, as well as of the first. As 200.  
however, the pupils of the second class are mostly provided  
at present with the National Reader, your committee do  
not recommend that it should be immediately laid aside.  
They recommend that for the remainder of the present  
school year, which will end in August next, it be left  
optional with the masters to use either the National Reader  
or the First Class Book in the second class. If on trial the  
First Class Book shall be found to be adapted to the second  
class, then the National Reader can be struck from the list of  
text books at the end of the present school year, so that the  
next second class, which will be formed in September, will  
not be obliged to purchase it. If on the other hand, experience  
shall show, that it is best for the second class to have a  
reading book different from that of the first class, there will  
be time enough before next September, for the book committee  
to select such a book, & recommend it to the board, in season,  
for the use of the second class of the next year. Your  
committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order.

Ordered, that it be left optional with the  
grammar masters, to use in their second classes either the  
National Reader, or the First Class Book, for the remainder of  
the present school year, ending in August next.

For the book com.<sup>ee</sup> Edward Wigglesworth.

Read, accepted, & the order passed.

Voted, that the time for which the writ-Boylston sch.  
ing master in the Boylston School was chosen, be three  
months, computing from the commencement of the last  
term.

Voted, that if any master of a school Master, on resign<sup>g</sup> should resign, that the Chairman be authorized to advertise that applications will be received in ten days, from such resignation. And that the Chairman be requested to call a meeting of the board, after the expiration of said ten days.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

F. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday, the twentieth day of November, Anno Domini, 1840.

Present,

The Chairman - Mess<sup>rs</sup> Maretts, Butts, Olney, Barnes, Palmer, Neale, Newell, Clarke, Emerson, Dyer, Hubbard, Gordon, Gay, Adams, Parker, Wigglesworth, Lewis, Bolles, Skinner and Whittemore.

Boylston Sch.  
Master resigns

A letter was read, which was received from Aaron B. Hoyt, writing master of the Boylston School, resigning his said office.

Applications.

The several applications for the office or place of writing master of the Boylston School, were read, together with the documents accompanying the same, as were called for.

Voted, That we now resolve our- 202.  
selves into a committee of the whole on candidates; Com.<sup>o</sup> of whole  
that such committee shall then proceed as follows, viz:  
Each member of the committee shall write three names up  
on one ballot, for candidates. The ballots shall then be  
collected and counted. The names of those three candidates  
having the highest number of votes shall then be reported  
to the board. That the board shall then proceed to bal-  
lot for one of the three individuals thus reported, and that  
he who has the majority of votes shall be declared to be  
elected.

In committee of the whole M<sup>r</sup> Marette Boylston Sch.  
in the Chair, proceeded to ballot for candidates, each mem-  
ber voting for three persons, and the votes being taken, it ap-  
peared that Charles Kimball, Joseph T. Swan, & Samuel L.  
Gould had the largest number. The committee of the  
whole rose, and reported those three names to the board.

The board proceeded by ballot, to the  
choice of a writing master of the Boylston School, & the  
votes being taken, it appeared, that Charles Kimball,  
was chosen.

Ordered, That Aaron B. Hoyt, be al- Hoyt  
lowed, the sum of one month's wages in addition to Order to pay  
the amount due to him for services as writing master  
of the Boylston School.

Ordered, That Miss Mann late as Mann  
sistant in the Franklin School be paid her salary up  
to October 1<sup>st</sup> 1840.

Snelling,

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Snelling, respectfully report: That Mr. Snelling has been for a long period, a faithful public servant, that in consequence of his long services he was placed in his present situation of teacher of writing at the Latin School, when the charge of the writing department in one of our large grammar writing schools became too arduous for his advanced years; that the duties belonging to his present office are light, and the salary one thousand dollars per annum; that they regret Mr. Snelling's need of pecuniary aid and should be truly happy to have his requests granted, if they felt that this board were authorized to grant it; but that it seems to them, that his present salary is ample considering the duties belonging to his office, and that to make a grant of money to a public teacher on the grounds presented in this petition would be wholly inconsistent with the principle of a fixed compensation to our teachers, and would be a precedent which would expose this board to frequent applications of a similar sort, and would make the expense of providing for the public instruction of children, a matter dependent on accidental circumstances instead of a matter of calculation. Your committee therefore recommend that Mr. Snelling have leave to withdraw his petition.

For the committee Edward Wigglesworth.

Read and accepted.

Dalton

Petition of Thomas Dalton, and others, people of colour, praying that Nancy Woodson, a woman of colour and formerly a teacher in the primary school, for the children of people of colour may be reinstated in her former place. Referred to the next board.

Ordered, that there be paid to the Secretary of this board, one hundred and fifty dollars, for his services, the current year. 204.

Ordered, that there be paid to the Messenger of this board, one hundred dollars, in full for his services, the current year. Messenger

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

Boston, Dec. 22. 1840.

Meeting called.

To the Chairman of the School committee.

Sir, Agreeably to the provision contained in the 2.<sup>d</sup> section of the 2.<sup>d</sup> ~~section~~ Chapter of the Rules of the School committee, the subscribers request that a meeting of the Board be called for Thursday next.

Respectfully submitted.

Otis A. Skinner.

Winslow Lewis, Jr.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Thursday, the twenty fourth day of December, A. 1840.

Present,

The Chairman - Messrs Palmer, Neale, Emerson, Dyer, Hubbard, Gordon, Gay, Adams, Parker, Wigglesworth, Lewis, Skinner, Whittemore and Noyes.

Franklin, Winthrop  
Johnson Schools

On motion of Mr. Skinner, the minority report of the committee to whom was referred the May quarterly report of the sub-committee of the Franklin school, & the motion respecting the fitting up the ward room for the accommodation of the surplus of boys now attending that school, and providing an instructor for the same; and the motion to organize the Winthrop and Johnson schools as schools for both sexes and upon the old system were referred on Tuesday last to a special committee with instructions to consider and report in one week - was taken from the table read and considered, & the resolves were amended so as to read as follows viz:

Resolved, That the Winthrop School and the Johnson School shall each be organized with a department of boys & a department of girls upon the same plan with the other grammar & writing schools of the City: - And that the masters in these schools shall discharge the duty of writing masters until the board shall fill those offices by election.

Resolved, That the number of scholars attending the Boylston, Adams, Franklin, Winthrop, & Johnson schools shall be equalized according to the annexed schedule; and it shall be the duty of the sub-committees of these schools respectively to carry this resolve into effect on the first day of January next.

206.  
Mr. Hubbard moved that this subject be referred to the next board. During the pendency of this motion, several members of the board having withdrawn, it was found that a quorum of the board was not present.

The meeting was then adjourned without day.

Attest,

E. H. McCleary,

Secretary.

Medals awarded 1839.

| <u>Latin.</u>           | <u>Boys.</u>                      | <u>English High.</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Henry B. Wheelwright    |                                   | Charles J. Higginson |
| James H. Means          |                                   | Thomas J. Davidson   |
| Charles W. Eustis.      |                                   | William P. Brintnell |
| Octavius B. Frothingham |                                   | James C. Tileston    |
| Osborn B. Hall          |                                   | Charles M. Eustis.   |
| Thomas B. Hall          |                                   | Wells.               |
| <u>Eliot.</u>           |                                   | Elijah W. Cobb.      |
| Richard A. Bartlett     |                                   | James W. Cushing     |
| Edwin Davenport         |                                   | Samuel M. Intyre     |
| Charles W. Dyke         |                                   | <u>Winthrop.</u>     |
| Washington L. Haskell   |                                   | Edgar H. Butler.     |
| Franklin W. Smith       |                                   | Leah M. Dolbeare     |
| George W. Sarker        |                                   | James H. Drummond    |
| <u>Franklin</u>         |                                   | John M. Dunn         |
| John T. Hancock         |                                   | John Noyes, Junr.    |
| Henry Archbald          |                                   | Theodore Parker      |
| M. A. Blunt             |                                   |                      |
| <u>Adams.</u>           | Samuel L. Fowler                  |                      |
|                         | John B. Callender & John Collins. |                      |

Doyleston

Wellington, Emory Ayer  
 Richard, Hugh Morison  
 Walter Davis Richards.

Mayhew

W. D. Brewster  
 W. H. Brown  
 J. D. Cheever  
 Edmund Harrington  
 Eben. A. Hill  
 A. S. Lincoln

Hancock

Leliana A. Baker  
 Sarah E. Lilley  
 Rebecca S. Lewis  
 Harriet Reed  
 Eliza S. Stevens  
 Ann M. Stevens

Johnson

Eliza F. Withington  
 Susan C. Hannam  
 Eliza A. Noyes  
 Elizabeth M. Gates  
 Mary Eliza Fay  
 Ann Hills

Kawes

Eliza C. Jenkins  
 Amanda M. Whittemore  
 Rebecca S. Nelson

GirlsHowes

Hall, J. How, Junr.  
 Samuel M. Reddington  
 Henry W. Alexander

Houlston

Julia Louisa Hyde  
 Caroline French  
 Lucy Livinia Gaffield

Adams

Naomi Waldoek  
 Mary E. Wilcutt  
 Caroline M. Clough

Boudoin

Harriet French  
 Sarah H. Emerson  
 Margaret E. Simmons  
 Hannah W. Hadley  
 Sarah C. Blaney  
 Elizabeth Hewins

Wells

Isabella M. Hutchinson  
 Sarah E. Pitts  
 Augusta Sanborn

Franklin

Abigail E. Baldwin  
 Isabel Tirrell  
 Emma Hatch



At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday - the twelfth day of January, Anno Domini, 1841.

The following gentlemen compose the School committee the present year.

Jonathan Chapman, Mayor, Chairman.

Edward Blake, President of the Common Council.

From the wards.

Ward N<sup>o</sup> 1. Isaac H. Frothingham & Henry G. Clarke.

" " 2. J. Cullen Ayer " James W. Barnes.

" " 3. Ezra Palmer, Jr. " Rev. Rollin W. Neale.

" " 4. David Morgan " " Robert C. Waterston.

" " 5. Frederick Emerson " Henry Dyer.

" " 6. William J. Hubbard " George S. Willard.

" " 7. Rev. Hubbard Winslow " Charles Gordon.

" " 8. Labadie B. Adams " Martin Gay.

" " 9. William Parker " Edward Wigglesworth.

" " 10. Winslow Lewis, Jr. " John Odier, Jr.

" " 11. William P. Jarvis " Rev. Otis A. Skinner.

" " 12. Rev. Lemuel Capen " Alvan Simonds.

All the above named gentlemen appeared & took their seats, except the Rev. Mr. Winslow.

The board was called to order by the Mayor, who by the rules is ex officio Chairman.

Minutes

Voted, to proceed to the choice of Secretary, by ballot, and the votes being taken, it appeared, that Samuel L. F. McLeary, was chosen.

Voted, that the rules and regulations of the School committee of the last year be adopted and remain in force, until the further order of this board. Also the rules and orders for the government of the members of the board, when in session.

210.

Rules &c.

The following sub or visiting committees were nominated and appointed, viz:

Latin Tho. Mayn

English High Mep.<sup>r</sup> Hubbard.

Mep.<sup>r</sup> Wigglesworth,

Palmer,

Winslow,

Adams,

Millard,

Lewis,

Leaven

Neale,

Sydney Mep.<sup>r</sup> Waterston,

Eliot Mep.<sup>r</sup> Clarke

Barnes,

Frothingham,

Morgan.

Ayer.

Endicott Mep.<sup>r</sup> Palmer,

Mancock Mep.<sup>r</sup> Palmer,

Morgan,

Neale,

Clarke.

Barnes.

Mayhew Mep.<sup>r</sup> Wigglesworth

Bowdoin Mep.<sup>r</sup> Winslow,

Ayer,

Dyer,

Waterston.

Gordon.

Boylston Mep.<sup>r</sup> Gay,

Adams Mep.<sup>r</sup> Parker,

Adams,

Gay,

Gordon.

Hubbard.

Franklin Mep.<sup>r</sup> Skinner,

Wells Mep.<sup>r</sup> Blake,

Simonds,

Emerson,

Millard.

Dyer.

Lawes Mep.<sup>r</sup> Leaven,

Johnson Mep.<sup>r</sup> Jarvis,

Simonds,

Odin,

Skinner.

Lewis.

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Winthrop. Mep:<sup>r</sup> Parker.  
Skinner,  
Blake.

Smith. Mep:<sup>r</sup> Emerson,  
Dyer,  
Waterston.

Books

Committee on Books. Mep:<sup>r</sup> Wigglesworth, Winslow, Palmer, Meale,  
and Gliddard.

Prim. Sch. Com<sup>tee</sup> of  
Conf.

Committee to confer with the primary school  
committee. Mep:<sup>r</sup> Emerson, Adams and Clarke.

Music

Committee on Music. Mep:<sup>r</sup> Emerson, Winslow and Gordon chosen  
in August last.

Breed - Boylston Sch.

Petition of Aaron Breed, and others, to have  
an usher appointed in the Boylston School. Read & laid upon  
the Table.

Breed - W<sup>rd</sup> 8.

Rem.

Remonstrance of Aaron Breed, and others, of  
Ward N<sup>o</sup> 8. against the election of Doctor Martin Gay as a  
member of the School Committee from that ward, in consequence of  
his non residence in the same, as the remonstrants allege.  
Read and referred to Mep:<sup>r</sup> Blake, Wigglesworth and  
Parker, to consider and report.

Lowe

Petition of Abraham T. Lowe to have his  
son admitted to the Latin School. Read and referred to the  
sub committee of that school.

Prim. Sch. com<sup>tee</sup>

The committee appointed by the last board  
to confer with the primary school committee, reported, that the  
Chairman of this board be requested to propose to the City  
Council to appropriate a sum, not exceeding one hundred dollars  
to be applied for contingent expenses of the primary schools.  
Read and laid upon the Table.

The following persons were nominated and appointed members of the primary school committee, 1872.

|                               |                               |                              |                                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| R. W. Bayley,                 | Richard G. Wait,              | S. P. Oliver,                | 212.<br>Prim. Sch.<br>Com <sup>ee</sup> |
| Wm Parkman,                   | Rowland Ellis,                | Joseph M. Leavitt,           |                                         |
| J. Moriarty,                  | Joseph W. Ingraham,           | Benson Leavitt,              |                                         |
| T. Resteau,                   | Henry G. Clark,               | E. W. Leach,                 |                                         |
| Christopher Gore,             | G. M. Lodge,                  | And <sup>w</sup> Geyer,      |                                         |
| John B. McLeary,              | Elijah Stearns,               | Ala Swallow,                 |                                         |
| E. F. Pratt,                  | E. H. Snelling,               | Geo. Bemis,                  |                                         |
| A. J. Richardson,             | Sam <sup>l</sup> L. Simpkins, | Fred <sup>k</sup> A. Sumner, |                                         |
| Philip Greely, jr.,           | Loring Norcross,              | Ab <sup>m</sup> G. Wyman,    |                                         |
| Lewis G. Gray,                | Aaron Sweet,                  | Francis Brown,               |                                         |
| Oliver Holman,                | Daniel Hinchman,              | Rich <sup>d</sup> W. Bayley, |                                         |
| E. P. Martshorn,              | Elijah Cobb,                  | James Tolman,                |                                         |
| Enoch Hobart,                 | Aurelius D. Parker,           | Fra <sup>s</sup> Manning,    |                                         |
| Geo. W. Otis, jr.,            | J. N. Daniell,                | Warren J. Whitney,           |                                         |
| Oliver Ditson,                | Josiah F. Bernistead,         | J. P. Preston,               |                                         |
| Wm D. Tichnor,                | T. R. Marvin,                 | Lorenzo Enagin,              |                                         |
| Edson Jones,                  | Wm Howe,                      | B. P. Richardson,            |                                         |
| James B. Dow,                 | Benj <sup>a</sup> E. Cotting, | Daniel E. Coit,              |                                         |
| Henry G. Wiley,               | Elisha Field,                 | Cha <sup>s</sup> C. Barry,   |                                         |
| N. Metcalf, jr.,              | E. T. Mepinger,               | A. B. Wheeler,               |                                         |
| Joseph Curtis,                | Wm P. Jarvis,                 | W. R. Gavett,                |                                         |
| Francis Bullard,              | John Flint,                   | Sam <sup>l</sup> I. Morse,   |                                         |
| Edw <sup>d</sup> Haynes, jr., | Wm C. Jenkins,                | Willis Howes,                |                                         |
| Granston Howe,                | John B. Stebbins,             | Henry Safford,               |                                         |
| Neh <sup>l</sup> P. Mann,     | Solon Jenkins,                | Tim <sup>o</sup> Reddington, |                                         |
| Hugh Montgomery,              | Alvan Simonds,                | J. L. Emmons,                |                                         |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Wheeler,     | B. H. Greene,                 | John V. Ford,                |                                         |
| Volney Wilder,                | Sam <sup>l</sup> S. Corrore,  | Edmund Jackson,              |                                         |

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Benjamin Mann, Samuel W. Burnoy, Artemas Simonds,  
John Olin, Junr., George Rogers, Charles M. Burnoy,  
Aaron Ordway, Guy C. Haynes, James M. Whiton,  
J. F. Bamstead, J. W. Bourne, George Rogers,  
Francis Dana.

And said committee are authorized to organize their body and regulate their proceedings as they may deem most convenient, and to fill all vacancies occurring in the same, during the year; and this board will respectfully receive from them such communications as they may please occasionally to make on the subject of those schools.

App<sup>rs</sup> for ch

(Ordered, that the several sub-committees be requested to ascertain what amount of money will be required to be appropriated for the use of their respective schools, exclusive of fuel, for the next financial year, to report at the next quarterly meeting in February next.

Prim. sch. app<sup>rs</sup> for

(Ordered, that the committee on conference with the primary school committee be requested to call upon the primary school committee for information as to the amount of money that will be required to be appropriated for the primary schools, exclusive of fuel, for the next financial year, and to report at the quarterly meeting in February next.

Music.

(Ordered, that the committee on music be requested to make a report upon that subject, and particularly what singing books have been introduced into the schools & under what circumstances; what contracts have been made the present year, in reference to it, at the next quarterly meeting of this committee.

A new semi annual ~~return~~ form of return  
from the several schools was adopted.

214.

Semi annual returns

(Ordered, That the Secretary cause to be  
printed, a suitable number of the new form of the semi annual  
returns, adopted by the board, and also the usual list of mem-  
bers of this committee, Schools, Instructors &c. adding the altera-  
tions and additions that have been made to the rules and  
regulations since the same were printed.

Printing - directed

A motion was made, that the sub committee Boylston Sch.  
of the Boylston school be instructed to appoint an usher for  
said school. Which motion did not prevail.

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lic. Ref<sup>d</sup> to the book committee.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest.

C. H. McLeary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the second day of February, A. D. 1845.

Present,

The Chairman, and the whole board.

Semi annual  
returns.

Semi annual returns were made by the masters of all the schools. The Secretary made an abstract of the returns of the masters of the several grammar and writing schools, containing the number of pupils and instructors in each school, and the number of female teachers each is entitled to have. Read & recommended, for correction.

Quarterly reports

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees of all the schools, which were read and accepted.

Semi annual returns.

Ordered, that the forms of semi annual returns be referred to Messrs Wigglesworth, Emerson and Parker, to consider and report.

Twitchell

Johnson & Winthrop  
Schools

Petition of Joseph Twitchell, and others, to have the Johnson and Winthrop schools ~~remain~~ put upon the same plan, and same system of instruction, with the other public schools of the city; so that each house shall have a department for boys, and a department for girls, and each department a distinct master. Read and laid upon the table.

Sloan

Petition of Samuel W. Sloan, and others, Inhabitants of ward No 12, in aid of the above mentioned petition. Read and laid upon the table.

Ordered, That Messrs Blake, Wigglesworth, 216.  
(din), Skinner, and Dyer, be a committee to consider & report Johnson & Winthrop  
upon the organization and government of the Johnson and Winthrop schools  
schools, and that the majority and minority reports upon the same  
subject, made to the school committee of the last year be taken  
from the files and referred to this committee. And that the peti-  
tions this day presented be also referred to them.

Petitions of Thomas Dalton, and others, praying Dalton  
that Nancy Woodson, formerly a teacher in a primary school, who concerning Prim. Sch.  
was dismissed by the primary school committee; - And Mary A. teacher.  
Kendall, and others, parents and guardians of children formerly  
under the tuition of said Nancy Woodson, praying that she be  
continued as a primary school instructress. Read & thereupon  
ordered, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their  
petitions.

Resolved, that the increased number of School in W<sup>d</sup> 12.  
Scholars in ward No 12. (S. Boston) renders a new school ne-  
cessary, and that the Mayor be requested to apply to the  
City Council, for such appropriations of money, as may be ~~see~~  
~~expended~~ needed to carry the measure into effect.

On motion that said resolve be passed, it was there-  
upon ordered, that the same be referred to the sub com-  
mittee of the Graves school, to consider and report.

The sub committee of the Lyman School, re Lyman Sch.  
ported, that they were informed that Mr. A. L. Ordway was ap-  
pointed by the sub committee of the last year, to fill the place  
of a female assistant. He commenced his labour Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> but owing  
to the sickness of the chairman of the committee. His appoint-  
ment.

ment has never been mentioned for confirmation by this board. Read, accepted and the said nomination was confirmed.

Mayhew Sch.

The sub-committee of the Mayhew School, reported, that since the last meeting of the board, M<sup>r</sup> William H. Vaill has resigned the place of usher in said school. The sub-committee have appointed M<sup>r</sup> Winslow Battles, in his room, and now request the board to confirm the appointment. Read, and the board confirmed said appointment, and said Battles was appointed accordingly.

Smith School.

The master of the Smith school returned a list of the names of those beneficiaries who have wholly or in part been furnished with books, by the city, the past year. And the same was placed on file.

Colts

J. C. Colts' system of Book keeping. Ref<sup>d</sup> to the committee on books.

Music

The committee on music having been instructed to report what singing books have been introduced into the schools and under what circumstances; Also what contracts have been made the present year in reference to music, present the following Report - First in reference to the singing books. It appears, that when music was introduced into the schools, about two and a half years since, no particular singing book was ordered by the board. The master of music M<sup>r</sup> Lowell Mason, supposing the selection of a book to be left to him, then introduced a small square book of 128 pages, entitled, "The Juvenile Singing Book." This book continued in use till January of the present year, when M<sup>r</sup>

Mason

Mason requested the scholars to lay it aside and take a new one, entitled, "The Boston School Song-book." The Schools all complied with the request except the Lyman & the Boylston. The master of the Lyman objected to the introduction of the new book on the score of economy; his scholars having recently supplied themselves with new copies of the old books - and the Master of the Boylston objected on the ground of his having no evidence that the Board had ordered the change.

The committee on music have learned these facts mostly from Mr. Mason, himself; and he has requested the committee to state in their report, that when he introduced the new books, he was not aware of the existence of the rule which prohibits the introduction of books not authorized by the Board; and that he would not have introduced the book, if he had known of the rule. To prevent further irregularity, and to preserve the integrity of the rules, the committee on music recommend that the committee on books be instructed to report what singing-book ought hereafter to be used.

In reply to the inquiry - what contracts have been made the present year in reference to music? - Your committee would refer the board to the 15<sup>th</sup> section of the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the rules. - precisely according to the provisions of that section, the committee contracted with Mr. Lowell Mason, as master of music, last August, for the term of one year. This report is respectfully submitted.

J. F. Emerson, Ch. Com<sup>ee</sup> on Music.

Read and accepted.

The Special committee, to whom were referred the remon-  
strances against the right of Dr. Martin Gay to act as one of the School Com-

Dr. Gay's  
election

-mittee

-mittee under an election by the inhabitants of Ward No. 8, - he being alleged by  
 the remonstrants to be an inhabitant of Ward No. 7, have attended to the subject  
 and by vote to submit the following Report. The Committee are unanimously  
 of opinion that the School Committee have no power under the City Charter to  
 decide on the qualifications & elections of its members, & would recommend that  
 the present Committee acquiesce in the report, which was made & accepted  
 in 1837 by the School Committee, that no such power was delegated to them.  
 Though the School Committee have no power to determine absolutely such ques-  
 tions as may be raised as to the qualifications of its members, there would seem  
 to be no objection to investigating the facts connected with Dr. Gay's qualifi-  
 -cations, with a view to advise the parties interested, & give an opinion upon  
 the question agitated; avoiding expressly an assumption of power, & protest-  
 ing against any inference to be drawn from such investigation, that  
 the Committee question at all the right of a member, who can produce  
 a certificate of election, signed by the persons, whose duty it is to preside at  
 our elections. It is understood to be Dr. Gay's request, that such an inves-  
 tigation be made, as from respect to his constituents & the legal voters, whose  
 support he received, he does not wish to resign his seat, unless he is sat-  
 isfied that he has no right to it; & on the other hand he feels a delicacy  
 in acting as one of the board, while any person questions his right so to do.  
 A statement of facts has been procured from Dr. Gay himself; and a  
 portion of the remonstrants were notified of the meeting of the Special  
 committee & four of them attended. They were informed that the School  
 Committee have no jurisdiction in the premises; & that whatever action there  
 might be upon their remonstrances, would be upon the ground of advis-  
 ing the parties in a matter, about which the Committee have no legal right  
 to determine absolutely. The facts are these. At the last municipal elec-  
 tion Dr. Gay was elected a member of the School Committee from Ward  
 No. 8 & produces such a certificate of his election as is required by law &  
 similar to those of other members. Dr. Gay is unmarried & has boarded

since 1832 or 1833 in Fort Hill & in the same family, but has generally lodged  
 on the North side of Milk Street in the room occupied by him for his  
 medical office & which is within the limits of Ward No. 8. He has not slept  
 at his boarding house, when well; but has several times gone there to sleep,  
 when unwell: & at one period, occupied a room there for two or three weeks.  
 He has considered himself as one of the family, in which he boarded:  
 & that he has had a right at any time to occupy a bed chamber at his  
 boarding house, without paying any thing in addition to his usual price  
 for board; tho' should he occupy a room permanently, an additional sum  
 would be required. He was elected from Ward No. 8 & acted as a  
 member of the School Committee for the years 1839 & 1840 & also for  
 the years 1837 & 1838 representing then Ward No. 9, - Town Street & Fort  
 Hill, previous to the new division of Wards in 1839, belonging to Ward  
 No. 9. Under the present arrangement of the Wards Dr. Gay's boarding  
 house is in Ward No. 8 & his office in Ward No. 7. Under the former  
 division his office was in Ward No. 8 & boarding house in Ward No. 9.  
 He has voted, he is quite sure without exception, in the Fort Hill Ward,  
 now Ward No. 8, since his first election as one of the School Committee  
 & including that election. He thinks that he usually voted in that ward  
 during some time previous to that election. - He has been taxed in the ward,  
 in which his office is & he believes without exception. He has & believes  
 always, had his name changed to the Fort Hill Ward, by personal appli-  
 cation at the Mayor's office. The Committee are not aware that there are  
 any circumstances which would qualify or disqualify Dr. Gay for acting  
 as one of the School Committee for the current year, which did not equally  
 apply to the four years, during which Dr. Gay acted as a member of the Board.  
 The City Charter, sect. 19, provided that the citizens should elect one person  
 in each ward to be a member of the School Committee. This was amended  
 by act of 1835 - ch 128 - so that two persons shall be chosen in each ward  
of the City, & who shall be inhabitants of the "wards in which they are chosen."

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The remonstrants rely on that last provision & state that Dr. Gay was not an inhabitant of Ward No. 8 at the time of his election. — They do not allege any facts which are not admitted by Dr. Gay. There can be no question upon the facts as stated, & about the facts there is no dispute, that Dr. Gay's legal domicile is in this city; & as the different wards have their rights of representation, it becomes necessary to ascertain in which of the twelve sections of the city, Dr. Gay is an inhabitant. — And in determining who are the inhabitants of the respective wards, the same rules & principles of law must be applied, as if the wards were so many different towns. In the case of Harvard College v. Gre 5 Pickering 377 the late Ch. J. Parker said — that "the term 'inhabitant', as used in our laws, means something more than a person having a domicil. It imports citizenship & municipal relations, whereas a man may have a domicile in a country to which he is alien, & where he has no political relations. — An inhabitant by our constitution & laws is one who being a citizen dwells or has his home in some particular town, where he has municipal rights & duties, & is subject to particular burdens; & his habitancy may exist & continue, notwithstanding an actual residence in another town or another county." In Rev. Statutes of Mass. p. 60 the word "inhabitant," it is said, may be construed to mean a resident in any city or town. In Gyman v. Tiske 17 Pick 234 Ch. J. Shaw said that "in some respects, perhaps, there is a distinction between habitancy & domicil, as pointed out & explained in the case of Harvard College v. Gre 5 Pick 377. the former being held to include citizenship & municipal relations. But this distinction is believed to be of no importance in the present case (the question being whether Mr. Gyman was liable to be taxed as an inhabitant of Boston & not from his personal property because, all the facts & circumstances, which would tend to fix the domicile, would alike tend to establish the habitancy." He proceeded. "It is difficult to give an exact definition of habitancy. In general terms, one may be designated as an inhabitant of that

that place which constitutes the principal seat of his residence, of his business, pursuits, connections, attachments & of his political & municipal relations. It is manifest, therefore, that it embraces the fact of residence at a place with the intent to regard it & make it his home. The act & intent must concur & the intent may be inferred from declarations & conduct. It is often a question of great difficulty, depending upon minute & complicated circumstances, leaving the question in so much doubt, that a slight circumstance may turn the balance. In such a case, the mere declaration of a party, made in good faith, of his election to make the one place rather than the other, his home, would be sufficient to turn the scale. But it is a question of fact for the jury, to be determined from all the circumstances of the case." To apply these well established principles of law to the facts stated in relation to the qualifications of Dr. Gay. In which ward of the city did he dwell or have his home at the time of his election? In which ward did he exercise his municipal rights? The facts indicate clearly that he considered himself as one of the family in which he boarded, & his home would therefore be with that family; and his home had been the same for several years. For many years he exercised his right of voting & was elected for five successive years in the ward in which he boarded. This would seem to fix his legal residence in Ward No. 8 & leave no doubt as to his qualifications. Supposing it to be uncertain, whether Dr. Gay's home was to be considered to be in Ward No. 7 or Ward No. 8, his acts & intent are to be considered in determining his legal residence. And it must be ascertained in which ward he in fact resided, with the intent to regard it as his home. His intent may be inferred from his declarations & conduct; & if there is much doubt about the facts, his choice to make the one place rather than the other, his home, would be sufficient to determine the question. The Committee in thus deciding it, would follow the decisions of our Supreme Court. And can there be any doubt, that in the most public manner, Dr. Gay, has manifested

elected & claimed an intent to establish his home, & to exercise his municipal rights in Ward No. 8, & followed it up by voting repeatedly in that ward & suffering himself to be elected as an inhabitant of that ward, at five different elections? and how have his claims of inhabitancy been met by the other inhabitants of that ward? It does not appear that his right to vote in that ward has ever been questioned: & he has for four years acted as one of the School Committee, & it does not appear that any of the inhabitants of the ward has ever questioned his eligibility till this year. The acts & intent of Dr Gay, concur & indicate clearly, in which ward he intended to fix his home. - And it is a fair inference, that the fact of Dr Gay's having an office in one ward & boarding in another was well known to the inhabitants of the ward, in which he voted & was voted for. And this concurrence on the one part, & Dr Gay's acts on the other, would seem to determine the fact as to the ward, in which he was resident, and in the language of Ch. Justice Shaw "it is a question of fact to be determined from all the circumstances of the case." Under these circumstances, the question is what advice shall the School Committee offer to Dr Gay? And the answer would seem to be very obvious, that no good reason appears why he should forbear to exercise his rights & perform his duties, as a member of the School Committee. Respect for himself & his constituents & for the different members of the board of School Committee, with whom he has been associated, would require of him imperatively, that he should not resign; as a resignation would be an acknowledgement that he is & always has been ineligible, & the reverse would seem to be the fact. - The special Committee recommend unanimously the adoption of the following resolutions. - For the Committee. Edward Blake, Chairman.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Resolved, that the remonstrances of Aaron Breed & others of Ward No. 8 against the action of Dr Martin Gay, as a member of the School Committee from that ward, be placed upon the files of the School Committee.
- 2<sup>d</sup> Resolved that altho' the School Committee have no jurisdiction or pow-

to determine legally the questions involved in those remonstrances, yet having investigated the facts at the request of Dr Gay, they would advise him, that the objections of the remonstrants, in the opinion of the Committee, are not well founded; & they cannot perceive any good reason why he should not exercise the rights & perform the duties, which devolve upon him, pursuant to the election in Ward N<sup>o</sup> 8.

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Read and accepted and the resolves passed.

Ordered, that the Secretary of this board send to Dr. Martin Gay, and to the persons whose names are borne ~~on~~ first on the remonstrances against his election, certified copies of the resolutions this day adopted upon the subject.

Gay.

Adjourned to Tuesday the 23<sup>d</sup> instant, at four o'clock, P. M.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty third day of February, A. D. 1841.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board, except the Rev. Mr. Neale.

The Secretary made a revised report of an abstract of the semi annual returns of the masters of the several grammar and writing schools, containing the number of pupils and instructors in each school, & the number of female teachers each is entitled to have.

Semi annual returns  
Sec<sup>y</sup>'s report.

Dalton  
Woodson

Petition of Thomas Dalton, and others, praying that a special committee be appointed for the purpose of investigating and of ultimately deciding the extent of the powers of the school committee over the primary school committee, to the end that if the right of supervising its doings exists in this board, the petitioners may have an opportunity of laying their case before them; being the removal of Nancy J. Woodson, as an instructress from the primary school. Read & thoroughly ordered, that said petition be referred to Messrs Willard and Capen, with instructions to report upon the facts in the case, and the authority of this board in the premises.

Primary schools.

The committee of conference with the primary school committee made a report of the money requisite for the support of those schools, the next financial year. Read & filed.

Endicott Sch.

Usher

The sub-committee of the Endicott school reported that in consequence of the necessary absence of Mr. Allen, the grammar master, by reason of impaired health, they have made a temporary appointment of usher, and recommend, as the incumbent for the confirmation of this board Alexander H. Clapp, his term of service to commence the 22<sup>d</sup> instant. In consequence of the transfer of the Mayhew school to the Endicott school of some forty boys, thereby giving the latter school an average attendance exceeding two hundred, the sub-committee have in conformity with the regulations appointed a female assistant to serve in the male department, & recommend Miss Susan A. Bates, to be confirmed by the board in that office; her term of service commencing the 22<sup>d</sup> instant. Read, accepted, & the nominations were confirmed, and the above named persons were appointed accordingly.

Boylston Sch.

Instructress

The sub-committee of the Boylston school nominated

William

William Fox as an instructor in said school, in place of one of the female assistants. Which nomination was confirmed and he was appointed accordingly; two thirds of the members present voting to dispense with rule.

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A letter was received from the grammar master of the Boylston School, stating that the boys of said school having expressed a desire that school should not be kept on the fourth of March next, that they may be able to participate in the rejoicings upon that occasion. Read and not granted.

Boylston Sch.

Master

The sub committee of the Hawes school to whom was referred the resolve respecting the increased number of scholars in ward N<sup>o</sup> 12, have duly considered the subject and ask leave to report, That they are unanimous in the opinion, that a new school house in that ward, is indispensable to the best interests of that part of the City. And that an application should be made, forthwith, to the City Council, for an appropriation of a sum of money, not less than \$18,000, to effect the object. The cost of a suitable building, it is presumed will somewhat exceed \$15,000; and the land requisite, probably will not fall much short of \$3000. The reasons on which the committee ground their reports, are 1. The fact, that the branch school has had an average daily attendance of 145 scholars, through the present winter, 188 belonging; - girls and boys attending in the same room; the location the most exposed of any in the ward, exactly in the angle of the avenues leading to the two bridges, and with scarcely yard room worthy the name, and that belonging to a separate proprietor. This however was the best room that could be procured.

Hawes Sch.

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cured, at the time, when the school was established, and we are not aware, that a better can now be procured. The lease of it moreover, is for one year only, and will expire next June. The number in constant attendance there is more than the room can well accommodate, and we are told, that a considerable number of scholars are kept at home, for want of accommodation. 2. The committee have ascertained that at least 75 scholars will be offered for admission from the several primary schools, in the ward, the coming spring, & the usual attendance at the Hawes school has been nearly sufficient to occupy all the seats in that house. The committee, therefore, have come to the conclusion, that about 250 scholars would be found, to occupy a new house, if it could be ready, the coming spring. And probably few, if any short of 300 will be ready, by the shortest time we can calculate on having a new house completed next autumn. The committee would add, that the ward have no convenient ward room, and that it is desirable to have better accommodations for some of the primary schools in the ward, than can now be obtained, and which might be furnished in a new school house. Therefore, the sub-committee recommend, that the original resolution committed to them be adopted. Respectfully submitted, by direction of the sub-committee  
 Samuel Capew, Chairman.

The foregoing report was read, & accepted, & thereupon Resolved, That the increased number of scholars in ward N<sup>o</sup>. 12, (South Boston) renders a new school necessary, and that the Mayor be requested to apply to the City Council for such appropriations of money, as may be needed to carry the measure into effect.

The book committee, who were directed at the last meeting of the board to select a book to be used in the schools, for the instruction of the children in vocal music, respectfully report, that until the present year a book called the Juvenile Singing School book, has been used for that purpose. Latey, M<sup>r</sup>. Lowell, Mason who has the charge of the department of musical instruction in the schools, has introduced a work recently prepared by himself, called the Boston School Song Book. This contains in addition to the songs and tunes a body of questions on the elements of music. The book previously used, has no elementary matter of this sort. This body of questions will serve as a guide for the assistant teachers whom Mr. Mason employs and tend to render their teaching uniform and thorough. As Mr. Mason is responsible for the instruction given in music in all the schools, it seems proper to allow him to prescribe such a course as he may think best to be pursued by his assistants.

The new book has been introduced into all the schools except the Lyman, and the Boylston. The master of the Lyman school objected to its introduction there, because his pupils had but a short time before, provided themselves with the old book, & the master of the Boylston school objected, on the ground that the new book had not been sanctioned by the board.

Upon making inquiries at several of the other schools your committee have not found any dissatisfaction expressed at the change of books. They therefore offer the following order.

For the committee, Edward Wigglesworth.

Ordered, that the Boston School Song Book, be henceforth used in the schools, with the exception of the Lyman School, in which the pupils shall be permitted to use the Juvenile Singing School, for the remainder of the present school year, ending in August next.

Read, accepted, and the order passed.

Semi annual  
returns.

The special committee to whom was referred the form lately adopted by this board for the semi annual school return, respectfully report, that the form appears to them defective, in not recognizing the existence of two departments in the grammar and writing schools. There is but one column for the average monthly attendance, and one for the average monthly absence. Your committee think that the average attendance and absence in each department should be given, especially as there has sometimes been a much fuller attendance in one room than another. For "master" they would put "masters" at the end of the return, that it may be signed by the head of each department. They would also insert one more "ward," and omit the item "Re-entered same school." The only other point which they think it necessary to object is the column of studies. The object of this column is to show the number of pupils pursuing each of the studies which are prescribed or permitted in the schools. Your committee are of opinion that such a statement will afford no proper criterion of the relative condition of the schools. A school which returns a large number of pupils as pursuing the more advanced studies may really be in a much less satisfactory condition than one of humbler pretensions. This column therefore will be of very little use, but it may do considerable harm by leading to invidious comparisons between schools, & thereby exciting prejudices against masters who may be among the most deserving teachers in the city. We may add, that a strong temptation is offered to ambitious instructors, to advance pupils too rapidly, in order that the school may appear to advantage in the semi-annual return. The effect of this would be injurious to the scholars and jealousy among the teachers. Against such consequences we should carefully guard. The well being of the schools

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depends very much upon a concord of action among the masters. 230.  
Any thing that should interfere with the friendly feelings, which lead them to impart freely to each other the results of their experience, would be detrimental to the schools. And as the effect of this exhibition of studies would be to bring the schools into direct competition, and to excite a feeling of conflicting interests among the masters, your committee recommend that the column of studies be omitted. Your committee present herewith a form of return corresponding to the views which they have expressed.

For the committee. Edward Wigglesworth.

Read and accepted.

Petition of George Sparhawk, and others, Inh.<sup>s</sup> of the Sparhawk, Ind. southerly part of the City, praying that the Johnson & Winthrop schools Johnson & Winthrop may be placed upon the same plan & same system of instruction as the other public schools. The remonstrance of Thaddeus M. Harris, & others, ag<sup>t</sup> any change in those schools. A letter of Thaddeus M. Harris, explaining his views in signing said petition. A resolution, passed at a meeting of the friends, & others interested in those schools, declaring their perfect satisfaction with those schools as they are now organized. A memorial of Reuben Lovejoy, & others, praying leave to withdraw their names from the petition praying for a change in the organization of those schools. Resolutions against a change in the Johnson school, for the reasons therein stated, adopted by the citizens of wards 10 & 11. & others interested in said school— were read. M<sup>r</sup> Blake from the committee appointed to consider & report upon the organization & government of the Johnson & Winthrop schools, & to whom were referred certain reports in relation to them, made to the school committee of the last year, & also certain petitions, made a report, which he read.

The Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Skinner, from the same committee made a minority report.

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reports, which he read, and thereupon moved to strike out the resolutions reported by the majority, and to substitute those reported by the minority. Upon which a debate ensued, which was continued to a late hour, when the board adjourned to Friday next, four o'clock, P. M.

Attest,

S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday, the twenty sixth day of February, A. D. 1841.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. Neale, and Hubbard.

Johnson and  
Winthrop Schs.

The board resumed the consideration of the subject of the report of the committee on the organization and government of the Johnson and Winthrop schools.

A discussion ensued, which continued the remainder of the afternoon, without taking the question.

Adjourned to Tuesday next, four o'clock P. M.

Attest,

S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee, of 232.  
the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the second  
day of March, Anno Domini, 1841.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board except Mr: Frothingham  
and Neale.

The board resumed the consideration of the subject Johnson & Winthrop  
of the reports of the committee on the organization and government of Schools.  
the Johnson and Winthrop schools. A discussion ensued thereon, and on  
motion the same were laid upon the table.

Doctor Gordon, proposed the following resolutions in Adams, Johnson &  
lieu of those proposed by the committee on the Johnson & Winthrop, Winthrop Sch.  
schools, viz: Resolved, That the Adams school; the Johnson school  
and the Winthrop school shall each be organized on the system of  
grammar and writing departments. The Adams school to consist of  
boys only. The Johnson school to consist of girls only. And the  
Winthrop school to consist of both sexes.

Resolved, That on the above arrangement each school  
shall be made to consist, as far as practicable, of scholars residing  
in its own neighbourhood, and to secure this object, a special  
committee of five members shall be appointed to regulate the  
transfer of scholars.

On motion made, the foregoing resolutions were laid  
upon the table for one week, agreeably to the rules of this board.

Adjourned to Tuesday next 4 o'clock P. M.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

(At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, Anno Domini, 1841.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messrs. Barnes, Neale, Watouston, and Hubbard.

School return

Ordered, That the Chairman of this board, be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to make a return of the schools, to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in behalf of the School committee, as required by law.

Latin & High  
Schools.

Ordered, That the Chairman, Messrs. Emerson, Wigglesworth, Hubbard and Clarke, be a committee to consider the expediency of recommending to the City Council, the construction of a new building for the accommodation of the Latin School, and the English High School with a view of appropriating the building in which the High School is now held, for the use of a grammar and writing school.

Wells school -  
complaint agt.  
Master?

The sub-committee of the Wells school beg leave to make the following Report. - A complaint was made to them a few days ago, that Mr. Walker, the grammar master of the school, had been recently guilty of abuse of his right to inflict corporal punishment on his pupils. The complaint being made in sincerity by the father of a boy said to have been improperly chastised, his testimony was reduced to writing, & a time appointed for his father and Mr. Walker, to be heard before the committee. The ground of the complaint was, that the boy had been struck in the face with a ferule. Your committee

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after a careful examination of all the circumstances of that &  
another alleged abuse of authority by M<sup>r</sup> Walker, both of which  
have been mentioned in one of the newspapers of the City, with  
in a few days, are all of opinion that M<sup>r</sup> Walker was fully  
justified in both cases in inflicting corporal punishment, the sever-  
ity of which was increased by the obstinate & determined re-  
sistance of both boys; and had M<sup>r</sup> Walker yielded to them  
his authority, and that of all the teachers of the school would  
have been essentially impaired. Your committee are all of  
opinion that M<sup>r</sup> Walker did not strike either boy so as to  
cause any serious injury; that as to one of them, he was not  
struck in the face with a ferule, and the other was not in-  
jured in the hand as charged. In the same newspaper which  
contained the charges against M<sup>r</sup> Walker, he is distinctly men-  
tioned as being the "individual who was spoken of as having  
been saluted by his scholars on new year's morn with a  
"happy new year," and who instead of returning the well  
"wished and innocent salutations of his pupils with thanks,  
"censured and flogged them for their disorderly conduct in  
"so doing." Your committee have investigated that charge  
and find that no such scene occurred at the Wells school.  
The investigation was attended by most of the teachers of  
the school and several persons who are interested in it;  
and it appeared evident that M<sup>r</sup> Walker is free from any  
blame as to those charges against him. As they were made  
publicly it is recommended that this report be published.

Edward Blake } Sub-committee  
F. Emerson } of the  
Henry Dyer } Wells school.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

Resolved

Wells sch.

Resolved, that the report this day presented by the sub committee of the Wells school be published in such newspapers as the chairman of the board shall direct.

Dalton

Primary sch.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Dalton, Father, with instructions to report upon the facts in the case, & the authority of this board in the premises, have attended to that duty, & beg leave to submit the following report. —

Your committee after due deliberation, have come to the opinion that this board is invested with the power of supervision over the doings of the primary school committee, and that this latter body being appointed by this board is responsible to it, and exercises only delegated functions. Your committee deem it unnecessary to go into any course of argument upon the subject, as it has already been reported upon by a former committee of this board, & to the report of that committee, being document N<sup>o</sup> 7, for the year 1839. Your committee would refer as embodying in the main their own views: To that report is appended an opinion of the City Solicitor, favouring the construction contended for, which is entitled to great weight, & as a rule of conduct, decisive of the question, until reversed by judicial process or popular action. Your committee however, do not disguise from themselves that there is an element of doubt in the case, & the gentleman who appeared on behalf of the primary school committee expressly denied the authority of this board to interfere, or that they were in any way accountable to it, & your committee regret that a question, which may at some future period be of considerable practicable importance, cannot be settled either by a judicial opinion, or by action of the people prescribing some change in the mode of election. Defining more certainly the relations of the two boards respectively.

Yours

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Your committee have also, enquired into the facts of the case. The petitioners appeared by counsel & several gentlemen of the primary school committee were personally present. After a careful examination, your committee report the following facts to be either proved or admitted in the case. In the year 1836, a vacancy occurred in the primary school in question, which had previously been taught by a colored instructor to the satisfaction of the committee, & the committee submitted the question to the colored citizens whether they would prefer a colored or a white instructor, & they expressed a preference for a colored one. This measure the committee were subsequently led to believe an injudicious one, in which even your own committee would probably agree, were they called upon to give an opinion, but they mention it not to approve or blame, but by way of justifying the course taken by the colored people in the present instance by the precedent afforded them. Miss Woodson was accordingly chosen in September 1836. Though several of the colored citizens objected to the appointment on account of her youth. It appeared from extracts from reports read before your committee, & from oral testimony, that at no time since her appointment, has Miss Woodson given satisfaction in the management & instruction of her school. This does not appear to have arisen from any defect in her character, capacity or attainments in regard to all of which highly favorable testimony was offered; but from the want of that peculiar power over the minds of her pupils which is so requisite an element in a teacher and which where it is not a natural gift, can hardly ever be supplied by practice. Evidence was introduced to show that her want of success, or rather the indifferent condition in which her school was, generally found, was owing to other causes; but after giving to them all probable influence, your committee can come to no other conclusion than that above stated, that she was not naturally qualified for the

237. the office of a teacher of young children. That she was continued so long in her situation was owing partly to an opinion among some of the sub-committee, that the low state of her school was to be ascribed in a great measure to the character of the materials with which she had to deal, & partly to a wish to give to the experiment of a colored teacher, a long & fair trial, and a reluctance to wound the feelings of the colored people by her removal. But a sense of duty & consideration of the welfare of the children under her charge, finally became paramount in the minds of the committee, & it was determined to make a change, last June, the time of the annual election; but at the request of her father, who expressed a wish that she should be allowed to complete the period of four years in the school, she was elected for three months, with the express understanding, that another person would be elected in her place; which was accordingly done; Miss Symmes a white teacher, being chosen. It was in evidence that under her charge, the school had decidedly improved. Under these circumstances, it appears to your committee, that there is no call whatever for the action of this board. The control which we claim as a matter of right, we should not be ready to exercise on slight pretences. To harass the highly respectable gentlemen who have charge of the primary schools with petulant & vexatious interferences, would be alike unjust & impolitic. Nothing but a very strong case, such as can hardly by any possibility occur, would justify the exercise of that right which nevertheless we can never surrender in principle. The committee appear to have acted from no other motive than an enlightened regard for the welfare of the children entrusted to their charge, and to have substituted a new teacher, because after a fair trial, the old one was not found competent to the trust which she had assumed.

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It is a source of regret to your committee that this course has not met with the approbation of the parties most interested, the colored parents of the children attending the school, & the colored population generally. There is among them a strong & general feeling of dissatisfaction at the removal of Miss Woodson, & a wish to have her reinstated. This feeling springs in part from an honorable sense from a proper pride, a desire to elevate their social position & a wish to gain every advantage within their reach, & so far your committee sympathize with & respect it. It was pressed with much earnestness by the gentleman who appeared as counsel for the petitioners that this feeling on the part of the colored people should have influenced the committee in their conduct, that they alone were the parties interested & had a right to decide the question, & that even granting that Miss Symmes were a better teacher than Miss Woodson, still if the colored people preferred Miss Woodson as a teacher for their children, their wishes should have been a law to the committee, & Miss Woodson should have been retained. To this view your committee cannot assent. Though the wishes of the parents are entitled to be considered, they ought not to be decisive of the question. The very fact of their feeling so strong a personal interest may have a tendency to disqualify them from making the best choice; as a surgeon will be less likely to perform with success an operation upon his own child than upon a stranger. Especially is a mistake likely to be made when as in the present case, there is an imagined sense of wrong & a warm spirit of partisanship, which will infuse an element of passion into their deliberations which is alike contagious & blinding. Your committee prefer to leave the choice of teachers precisely where the law leaves it, in the hands of intelligent gentlemen who can examine fairly, judge calmly & decide dispassionately. Your committee regret that our colored

239. colored fellow citizens cannot see this subject in the same light & we cannot but think that if they take counsel of their reason & not of their feelings, they will be convinced that the committee have acted in this step from no other motives than a wish to promote the welfare of their children, & that the same motives should prompt this board to confirm & sanction their proceedings.

Wherefore your committee recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Geo. S. Willard, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

Bayley  
Adams school.

Remonstrance of R. W. Bayley, Fathers, parents & guardians of children attending the Adams school, against a change in the organization of said school. Also the doings of a meeting of ~~the~~ such parents and guardians, who by their committee remonstrated against the same; were severally read.

Johnson, Winthrop  
&  
Adams sch.

The board resumed the subject of the resolves which were proposed at the last meeting of this board, by Dr. Gordon, and after discussion, the yeas and nays being required, were taken upon the first part of ~~which~~ ~~the~~ first resolve, as follows viz: "Resolved, That from & after the twenty ninth day of March current, the Adams school, the Johnson school and the Winthrop School shall each be organized on the system of grammar and writing departments." Yeas - Messrs Frothingham, Clarke, Ayer, Palmer, Morgan, Emerson, Dyer, Winslow, Gordon, Lewis, Skinner, Capen & Simonds. 13. Nays Messrs Blake, Willard, Adams, Gay, Parker, Wigglesworth, Odier, & Jarvis. 8. On the other part of said resolve as follows viz: "The Adams school to consist of boys only, the Johnson school to consist of girls only, and the Winthrop school to consist of both sexes." the yeas & nays were taken

Yeas & nays

taken as follows, viz: Meas. Messrs Frothingham, Clarke, Ayer, Palmer, 2/10.  
Morgan, Emerson, Dyer, Winslow, Gordon, Migglesworth, Lewis, 11. Yeas & nays  
Nays. Messrs Blake, Willard, Adams, Gay, Parker, Odier, Skinner,  
Jarvis, Capen & Simonds. 10. So the first resolve was passed.

The second resolve was passed as follows - viz:  
"Resolved, That in the above arrangement, each school shall  
be made to consist, as far as practicable, of scholars residing in  
its own neighbourhood; and to secure this object, a special com-  
mittee of five members shall be appointed to regulate the trans-  
fer of scholars." Thereupon ordered, that Messrs Gordon, Parker,  
Gay, Skinner & Jarvis, be a committee, to carry the same into  
effect.

Ordered, That the chairman of this board be requested to take the proper measures to make the necessary al-  
terations in the schools, which are affected by the vote of this  
board, altering their organization; and if any appropriation shall  
be necessary for that purpose, that he make application therefor  
to the City Council.

Chairman to make arrangements

Ordered, That the chairman of this board be requested to advertise, that applications for the offices of  
writing master in the Johnson and Winthrop schools will be  
received, until tuesday next 12 o'clock. M.

Writing masters

Ordered, That tuesday next, four o'clock. P. M. be assigned for the choice of writing masters in the  
above mentioned schools.

Time assigned

The board was then adjourned to  
tuesday next, four o'clock, P. M.

Attest, E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

(At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of March, Anno Domini, 1841.

Present

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Mr. Hubbard.

Johnson & Winthrop

Schools.

Writing masters

Applications from several persons for the offices of writing masters of the Johnson and Winthrop schools, which were read. Thereupon voted, that each member of this board be permitted to vote for five persons as candidates; and the votes being taken, the following persons had the highest number of votes and they were declared to be the candidates to be voted for, viz<sup>t</sup> Daniel French, Samuel L. Gould, Joseph Hale, Joseph T. Swan and Samuel Swan.

Voted, that the board now proceed to the choice of two writing masters, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Joseph Hale was chosen; no other person had a majority of votes.

Voted, that Mr. Hale be attached to the Johnson school. The board then proceeded by ballot to the choice of a writing master of the Winthrop school, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Samuel L. Gould was chosen.

Grant of ushers

Ordered that there be paid to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Daniel French and Andrew J. Lund, their respective salaries as ushers in the Winthrop and Johnson schools, to the first day of July next; - provided they are not retained in the employ of the City.

Grant to writing master

Ordered, That there be allowed & paid to Mr. Charles E. H. Richardson, one quarter's salary from the time of his dismissal from the office of writing master of the Johnson and Winthrop schools.

Ordered, That thirty five dollars, shall 242.  
be drawn from the income of the Smith fund, and appropriated, Smith School.  
to the purchase of class books, for the use of the Smith School  
the present year.

Memorial of the female pupils of the Adams Adams Sch.  
School, praying that they may be permitted to remain under the  
instruction of their present teachers. Read and laid upon the table.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

J. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

Boston, March 22. 1841.

J. Chapman, Esq.

As the citizens who send their children Meeting called  
to the Adams school wish to remonstrate against any change  
in said school; you are requested to call a meeting of the  
board of school committee as early as convenient, that their  
remonstrance may be taken into consideration.

Otis A. Skinner

Winslow Lewis, Jr.

At a special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday, the twenty sixth day of March, A. D. 1844.

Present-

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs Ayer and Neale.

Bayley  
Adams School

Remonstrance of R. W. Bayley, Father, parents & guardians of pupils in the Adams School against any change in the organization of said school - Also from the female pupils of said school against their being removed from said school, were severally read. A committee of twenty appeared, who were chosen at a meeting of the parents and guardians as aforesaid, whereupon it was voted, that two of said committee be heard in support of the said remonstrances. Accordingly Mr. Bayley addressed the board. A motion was made, that so much of the vote of this board, as relates to the re-organization of the Adams school adopted the ninth day of March instant, be reconsidered.

Which motion did not obtain; - The rule requiring three fourths of the members present to be in favor of a reconsideration -

15 voting in the affirmative, and 8 in the negative.

Rules amend.  
proposed

Resolved, That such an amendment, be made in Sec. 23<sup>d</sup> Chap. I. that the twelfth line from the top, instead of reading, "the week beginning on the first monday in June" read "two weeks, beginning on the last monday in May." The foregoing motion to amend the rules was read and laid upon the table.

Johnson, Adams &  
Winthrop Schs.

Voted, that the time for the committee to carry into effect, the votes of this board respecting the Johnson, Adams & Winthrop schools, be further postponed to monday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, next.

Adjourned.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourth day of May, A. D. 1841.

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Presents.

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messieurs Neale and Lewis.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees of all the schools, which were read & accepted.

Quarterly rep.<sup>ts</sup>

The committee on the Wells School among other things reported, that they have made a temporary appointment of Miss Sarah Tead, as an assistant, in place of Miss Charlotte Woodman who has been obliged, in consequence of ill health, to leave the school for the present. The committee have ascertained that the services of Mr. Lowell Mason can be obtained in instructing the school in singing, by a change of the time; which it is desirable, because the school has not been fortunate in the assistants sent by Mr. Mason. They would recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, to which there would not seem to be any objection.

Wells

School-

Resolved, that the rules & regulations be so far altered, that from the first Monday in October, the first and second classes in the Wells school shall be assembled in one room at five o'clock P. M. on Tuesdays & Fridays, to receive instruction in singing, for half an hour; & from the first Monday in April, the 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> classes shall be dismissed at four o'clock P. M. on Tuesdays & Fridays while the first & second classes shall assemble to be instructed in singing until half past four o'clock. Read said resolution papered.

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Adams  
School-

The committee on the Adams school among other things reported the following resolution. viz:

Resolved, That the present state of the Adams school house, requires that it should be remodelled. That the health of the instructors and pupils are endangered by the construction of the rooms, which are low & badly ventilated, the light is insufficient for the studies & recitations of the pupils, & the comfort and convenience both of masters and pupils in the prosecution of the objects of the school renders it necessary, that one or more of the walls should be extended, and the windows enlarged - or the whole building taken down & rebuilt, and the Chairman of this board is hereby requested to communicate this vote to the City Council, for their action in the premises.

Read, accepted, and the resolution passed.

Winthrop  
School

The committee on the Winthrop school among other things reported, the following order. viz:

Ordered, that it be suggested to the Mayor and Aldermen, that the side walk leading from Broad street to the easterly entrance of the Winthrop school be laid with bricks on East street, so that the same may be made passable for the master & pupils, and that the obstructions of carts, harrows & other vehicles be persuasively removed from the same, and that flag stones be laid across from the northerly side of East street opposite the door of the school house, & also at the corner of South & East streets, to the opposite corner on East street, so that the same may be made easy of access to the Masters, instructors and pupils of said school.

Read, accepted and the order passed.

The sub-committee of the Franklin School 246.  
nominated Mr. John Coughen, as usher, in place of Mr. Joseph Franklin Sch.  
Swan resigned. Which nomination was confirmed, and he was  
appointed accordingly.

The sub-committee of the Hancock School Hancock Sch.  
nominated Miss Henrietta L. Pierce, <sup>assistant teacher</sup> vice Miss Marianne  
Pierce resigned. Which nomination was confirmed, and she  
was appointed accordingly.

Ordered, that the salary of Susan Paul late Smith Sch.  
an assistant teacher in the Smith School, be continued until Paul  
the first day of July next, and be paid to the order of her  
mother, said Susan being deceased.

Chloe Lee was nominated and appointed Smith Sch.  
an assistant teacher in the Smith School, and that her salary Lee  
be allowed from the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December last.

Communication from Jenks & Palmer recommending Fowle's bible reader Fowle's bible reader  
Fowle's Bible Reader to be used as a reading book, in the  
grammar schools. Referred to the committee on books.

Miss Elizabeth Lincoln, was nominated by the sub-committee of the Brighton School, in place of Miss E. A. T. <sup>assistant teacher</sup> Brighton Sch.  
Fitzpatrick, resigned. Which nomination was confirmed, and she  
was appointed accordingly.

Whereas it is desirable at the annual exhibition annual  
tion of the public schools, there should be a full attendance  
of

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of the sub-committees at their respective schools, with such other members of the board, as can attend, and it has often happened that members of the sub-committees are engaged at one school, when their attendance is required at another, from the same hour having been appointed for the exhibition of several schools. Therefore to prevent such collision of duties - Ordered, that Messrs Parker, Waterson and Morgan be a committee to confer with, and if they shall deem it necessary to assist the Chairman in reference to the arrangement of the hours of exhibition of the respective schools, to prevent such conflicts of duties, and also to make such further provision as they may deem expedient for the accommodation of the parents & guardians of the pupils and the invited guests at such exhibition.

Gradual Reader.

The Book Committee respectfully report, that a communication was received by them a few days since from the Grammar masters of the public schools in this city, recommending the Gradual Reader, lately prepared by Mr David B. Tower, grammar master of the Eliot School, as a reading book for the 4<sup>th</sup> class in these schools. At present, as we all know, there is but one reading book for the 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> classes, viz. the Introduction to the National Reader. The teachers and the sub-committees have long felt that this book is not suited to the pupils of the 4<sup>th</sup> class. In very many of the pieces young children meet with much that they cannot readily comprehend and therefore read them with little interest. The character of this book has probably been one of the causes of the complaints so often heard of the slow progress of the pupils in the 4<sup>th</sup> class. Mr Tower has selected his pieces from Mr Abbott's Holo books and other works of a like character, and thus made a collection likely to be very interesting to young children. Prefixed to these reading lessons, and forming

forming about one third part of the book, is a body of exercises on the elementary sounds, viz. the sounds of the vowels and diphthongs, the consonants and the combinations of the consonants. The object of these exercises is to train the pupils to articulate distinctly. Mr Tower has been in the habit for years of exercising his own scholars on the elementary sounds, and they excel in distinct articulation. Some other masters in this city and in Charlestown have practised on the same plan, and with much success. Their labour has been much greater than it would have been, if they had enjoyed the advantage of a body of exercises in a printed form, such as Mr Tower has prepared. The masters of six grammar schools in Charlestown warmly recommend the plan in a communication addressed to Mr Tower, and state that they shall endeavour to effect the introduction of the book into the Charlestown Schools. In conformity with this recommendation, which is confirmed by personal examination, the Book Committee recommend the introduction of the Gradual Reader into the Grammar Schools, as the reading book of the 4<sup>th</sup> class. As pupils enter the 4<sup>th</sup> class in large numbers from the Primary Schools at the beginning of the present month, this is a very suitable time for the introduction of a new reading book into that class, and we therefore recommend that it be so introduced immediately, with this exception, that the pupils in the upper division of the present 4<sup>th</sup> class be not required to purchase it, because they will enter the 3<sup>d</sup> class after the August vacation. When the new 4<sup>th</sup> class is formed after that vacation, the Gradual Reader, if now adopted, will of course become the reading book of the whole class. An edition of the exercises in articulation has been printed separately from the reading lessons, in a pamphlet form. And the Book Committee recommend, that the Masters of the Grammar Schools

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Schools have liberty to introduce this as far as they shall see fit in the three upper classes. For the Book Committee. Edward Wigglesworth.

Read and accepted.

Grammar  
Schools

Ordered, that Messrs Willard, Leaven and Odlin be a committee to visit the several grammar schools and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught there in, in order to ascertain the condition of said schools; said committee to report previously to the annual election of the instructors; that the appointments of the board on that occasion may be judiciously made.

Writing  
Schools.

Ordered, that Messrs Blake, Jarvis & Holbrook be a committee to visit the several writing schools for the purpose mentioned in the preceding order.

Rules & orders  
revision of

Ordered, that Messrs Emerson, Hubbard & Barnes be a committee to revise the rules and orders of this board, & report a revised copy.

Said committee were instructed to amend the rules, by inserting on the first page "who reside in the City, & those only." p. 8. Chap. IV. Sec. 9. strike out "three fourths" and insert "a majority of all the members of the board." Page 3. Chap. 1. Sec. 1. insert also a standing committee on music." p. 15. Sec. 23. strike out "May day" and insert "two weeks commencing on the monday next preceding the last wednesday in May." strike out in Sec. 24. "and to the week beginning on the second monday in June." "That the Chairman of this board be authorized to cause the schools to be dismissed not more than three days in number in the year."

Order to amend the rules as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Chap. 250.  
1. Sec. 2<sup>d</sup> strike out "second" and insert "first." Rules.  
Read and laid on the table.

Resolved, that the sub-committee of the Latin & English  
Latin grammar, and English High schools be instructed to High Sch.  
consider and report at the next meeting of the board upon  
the expediency of reducing the salaries of the respective ~~in-~~  
~~structors~~ teachers employed in those schools, and whether any  
and what reduction can be made without essential injury  
to the schools.

Ordered, that the sub-committee of the Hawes Hawes  
schools, be instructed to consider whether any, and if any Sch.  
what measures ought to be adopted, for the better accommo-  
dation of the branch school at South Boston, and to report at  
an adjourned meeting.

The committee appointed to regulate the Adams & Winthrop  
transfer of scholars, according to the resolutions adopted by  
the board, "to organize the Adams schools to consist of boys  
only; and the Winthrop school to consist of both sexes."  
reported, that they have attended to the duty and the above  
schools are in successful operation accordingly.  
Read and recommitted.

Ordered, that the committee on music was Music  
instructed to appoint a time for the exhibition of the pupils  
in music.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest, Edw. McCleary, Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the third day of August, Anno Domini, 1841.

Present-

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. Nottingham, Barnes, Neale, Winslow, and Odin.

Semi annual returns.

Semi annual returns were made by the masters of all the schools. The Secretary made an abstract of the returns of the masters of the several grammar and writing schools, containing the number of pupils and instructors in each school, and the number of female teachers each is entitled to have. Read, Filed.

Quarterly reports.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees of all the schools, which were read and accepted.

Townsend

Petition of Jacob Townsend, praying that Straps' chart of Universal history, may be introduced into the public schools. Referred to the committee on books.

Schools, expenditures.

The Chairman communicated to this board, that the City Council have appointed a joint committee to confer with the School committee on the subject of the general expenditures of the schools, with a view to ascertain whether any reduction in the same can be made. Read thereupon ordered, that Messrs. Emerson, Wigglesworth, Willard, Adams, Palmer, Leaven, Clark, and Parker, be a committee to confer with the above named Com<sup>ce</sup>.

Branch of Hawes sch.

Resolved, that as no medals have been awarded to the boys in the branch school of the Hawes school, four medals be awarded to the girls.

A communication was received from David B. Tower grammar master of the Eliot school. declining a re-election. Read and filed. 252. Eliot sch.

Petition of A. C. Davison, praying, that a new Franklin medal <sup>may be awarded</sup> to him, at his expense, in lieu of one which was awarded to him in the year 1802, which he states ~~that~~ he has lost. Read and laid upon the table. Davison

The sub-committees of the Latin grammar and English High schools who were instructed to consider & report, upon the expediency of reducing the salaries of the respective teachers employed in those schools and whether any and what reduction can be made without essential injury to the schools - having had a conference upon the subject, ask leave to Report, That it is not expedient in their opinion to make any change in the salaries referred to, and they accordingly ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. For the com.<sup>ee</sup> In A. Chapman, Chairman. Latin & Eng. High. Read and laid upon the Table.

A copy of the limits assigned by the sub-committee of the Adams, Johnson and Winthrop schools was received & filed. Sch. limits -

Whereas ~~the~~ change has lately taken place in the Winthrop school, and the boys would have been <sup>if no such change had taken place, and four boys are entitled to the medals,</sup> entitled to six medals, thereupon ordered, that four Franklin medals be distributed to the boys and three City medals to the girls. Winthrop, Sch.

The committee of the Latin school, reported, that as Mr. Edward, Esq. Hale one of the assistant instructors in the school has informed the committee, that he does not Latin sch. when

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not wish for a re-election, they nominate Mr. Francis E. Parker at present a member of the senior class in Harvard College, to succeed him. Read and said nomination was confirmed, to take place after Mr. Hale shall leave said school.

Bowdoin Sch.

The sub committee of the Bowdoin school reported, that the only change which has been effected in the school since the last meeting is the establishment of a branch school in the basement of the building to accommodate the surplus number of scholars, and consequently the appointment of an instructor pro tempore to supply the vacancy created by the transfer of one of the seniors as assistants to the new apartment. Miss Marriet French has received the appointments from the committee, and is nominated by them to this board for their election for the ensuing year. Read & accepted and said nomination was confirmed.

Franklin Sch.

The sub committee of the Franklin school nominated Miss Frothingham as an additional female teacher, which nomination was confirmed, she was appointed accordingly.

Hawes Sch.

The sub committee of the Hawes school reported, that at the close of the last quarter, June 30<sup>th</sup> Miss L. S. Brooks resigned her place as teacher, and the sub committee have chosen in her room Miss Mary Pierce. In reference to the question referred to the sub committee at the last meeting of the board, respecting some arrangement for the better accommodation of the branch school. The committee report, that after much deliberation they concluded to remove to the Hawes school, all the children that could not be accommodated at the branch. The committee regret to have learned, however, that but few of them entered the Hawes school.

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And it is presumed most of them are attending no school. It is hoped therefore, that all possible dispatch will be made, in the erection of the new school house, begun in that section of the City. Read, accepted, and said nomination was confirmed. 25th

The committee of the Eliot school reported, that Eliot Sch. there are two candidates for the 6<sup>th</sup> medal, who are both entirely and equally deserving of it. That both these boys live within the district of the Endicott school and were directed to remain in the Eliot school at the time of the establishment of the Endicott school under the rule prohibiting the removal of members of the first class. The committee further stated that but four medals will be awarded in the Endicott school, and they therefore ask leave to transfer one of those not used to the Eliot school. Read & accepted.

The board resolved itself into a committee Com: of the whole of the whole, Mr. Parker in the chair, upon the following orders, Medals. which were reported by the committee to whom was referred the order of this board relative to a conference with the Chairman upon the subject of the hours of commencement of exhibition at the public schools at the approaching anniversary - viz<sup>t</sup>

Ordered, that so much of the provisions in the printed rules, page 10. Chap. 4. Sec. 2. as relates to the presentation of the Franklin and City medals, and all other parts of the rules & regulations of this board as are inconsistent with the arrangements suggested & adopted by the board this day, relative to the next exhibition of the public schools be suspended during said exhibition.

Ordered, That after the exercises in the public schools are concluded on the next exhibition thereof, viz<sup>t</sup> Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> instant, the instructors with their rishers and assistants shall

conduct

255. conduct the pupils of both sexes to whom have been awarded the Franklin and Looby medals to Faneuil Hall, at one o'clock, p. m. then and there to attend the ceremonies to be held there, and then and there the said medals shall be presented to the pupils by the chairman of this board upon presentation of the said pupils by their respective committees.

Ordered, That the Secretary cause to be printed cards of invitation to the exhibition of the public schools in the name of this board, and that he cause to be printed on cards to be given to the medal pupils a certificate, that to the holder of such card the Franklin or Looby medal has been awarded, which certificate shall be signed by the chairman, or one of the sub-committee, to be delivered to the successful candidates at the schools after the usual address by the sub-committee.

After discussion in committee of the whole, it was voted, that the committee rise and report said orders to the board without amendment.

The said orders being considered separately, on the question of adopting the same, it was decided in the negative, ~~two thirds~~ three-fourths of the members present not voting for the same.

Adjourned to Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, at four o'clock, p. m.

Attest,

E. H. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday, the thirteenth day of August, Anno Domini, 1841. 256.

Present.

Messrs Blake, Ayer, Palmer, Morgan, Emerson, Dyer, Hubbard, Willard, Gordon, Adams, Gay, Wigglesworth, Odier, Skinner, Jarvis, Capen and Simonds.

The Chairman being absent, Mr Blake, presided, Chairman pro tem. as Chairman pro tempore.

The committee appointed to visit the several grammar schools, and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of those schools, Reported, at large, as on file. Which report was read & accepted. Grammar Sch. annual rep.

The committee appointed to visit the several writing schools, and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of those schools, Reported, at large, as on file. Which report was read & accepted. Writing Sch. annual rep.

Ordered, That Messrs Hubbard, Palmer and Skinner, be committee to take into consideration the suggestions contained in the reports of the annual committees, with a view to select such portions of the same as they may deem expedient for publication; and to report such resolves on the subject of the suggestions as they may think it advisable to present to the board for their adoption. Annual rep.

Petition of Oliver C. Gardiner, usher in the Endicott school, for additional compensation during the illness and Gardiner

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and absence of the master. Read and thereupon ordered, that the salary of said Gardiner, be at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, from the first day of November, to the last day of May, last, in full for his services as usher, and his extra services as principal during the absence of the master.

Putman  
Smith School

Petition of Joseph H. Putman, assistant of the Principal of the Smith school, that his salary may be raised. Read and thereupon ordered, that the salary of said Putman for the next year, be at the rate of two hundred dollars.

Boylston Sch.

Ordered, that the master of the grammar department of the Boylston school, be chosen for three months only.

Boylston Sch. com.  
to investigate the  
master's conduct.

Ordered, That Messrs. Hubbard, Skinner, Wigglesworth, Palmer and Jarvis, be a committee to investigate the subject matter of difference between the present grammar master of the Boylston school and the subcommittee of that school, and to report at the next quarterly meeting of this board.

Sch. expenditures.

The committee appointed to confer with the joint committee of the City Council, on the subject of retrenchment in the expenditures of the public schools, make the following report:—  
The two committees have held a meeting and discussed at considerable length the subject committed to them. The only items in the ordinary expenditures of the last year, which any portion of the meeting evinced a disposition to diminish for the current year, are the salaries paid to the instructors of the Latin grammar school, & the English High school. On the question—Is it expedient to recommend any reduction of these salaries?—A variety of considerations appeared

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to influence the minds of the members of the meeting; and, through 258.  
a different course of reasoning, they generally arrived at one and  
the same conclusion viz: that it is not expedient to recom-  
mend any change in these salaries at present. For the com<sup>tee</sup>  
on the part of the school board. T. Emerson, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

The subcommittees of the Latin grammar & English Latin & Eng. High  
Schools who were instructed to consider and report upon the  
expediency of reducing the salaries of the respective teachers employ-  
ed in those schools, and whether any and what reduction can  
be made without essential injury to the schools - having had a  
conference upon the subject, ask leave to Report, That it is  
not expedient in their opinion, to make any change in the  
salaries referred to, and they accordingly, ask to be discharged  
from the further consideration of the subject.

For the sub committees, J. A. Chapman, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

Voted, That the salaries of the several instructors Salaries  
in the public schools for the ensuing year, be the same as the  
last year, excepting those which have been fixed, by special votes  
of this day.

Ordered, That the Secretary publish notice in Eliot Sch.  
the papers, that applications for the office of master of the  
grammar department of the Eliot school, will be received until  
Tuesday the twenty first day of September next, at twelve o'clock  
at noon.

Voted, That the salary of the master of the branch Branch of Hawes Sch.  
of the Hawes school be at the rate of one thousand dollars, for the ensuing  
year.

Voted, to proceed by ballot, to the choice of masters of all the schools, (except, the grammar master of the Eliot school who declines a re-election). And the grammar master of the Boylston school, who shall be chosen for three months only; and the votes being taken, it appeared that the following persons were chosen, viz:

Latin school. Epes Sargent Dixwell.

English High. Thomas Sherwin.

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| Eliot school. | grammar master.         | Levi Conant.            | writing master. |
| Mancock       | " William J. Adams      | " Peter Mackintosh, Jr. | "               |
| Endicott      | " George Allen, Junr.   | " Loring Lothrop        | "               |
| Mayhew        | " William D. Swan       | " Aaron D. Capen        | "               |
| Bowdoin       | " Abraham Andrews       | " James Robinson        | "               |
| Boylston      | " Charles Fox           | " Charles Kimball       | "               |
| Adams         | " Samuel Barrett        | " Josiah Fairbanks      | "               |
| Franklin      | " Barnum Field          | " Nathan Merrill        | "               |
| Wells         | " Cornelius Walker      | " Reuben Swan, Junr.    | "               |
| Klawes        | " Frederick Crafts      | " John A. Harris        | "               |
| Johnson       | " Richard G. Parker     | " Joseph Hale           | "               |
| Winthrop      | " Henry Williams, Junr. | " Samuel L. Gould       | "               |

Lyman School. Albert Bowker, master.

Branch of Klawes " Jonathan Battles, jr.

Smith " Abner Forbes

The following persons were nominated by the sub-committees of the several schools, which nominations were confirmed by the board, and they were appointed accordingly, viz: Latin. Francis Gardner, sub master. George S. Parker, & Francis E. Parker, ushers. Jonathan Snelling, teacher of writing. English High. Luther Robinson sub master. Francis S. Williams, usher. Lyman. Mary Atherton, & Sally Cowden, assistants. Eliot. George Tower & Jacob M. Kent, ushers. Mancock. Adeline Howe, Henrietta S. Pease, Catharine W. Snelling.

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Mary F. Morton, Cecilia L. Gale, Sarah A. Dykes, assistants. Endicott. 200.  
 Oliver C. Gardiner, usher. Angolinn, A. Bingham, Ann M. Wight,  
 Mary Torrey & Susan A. Bates, assistants. Mayhew, Winslow Battles,  
 & Benjamin Drew, ushers. Mary J. Walker, & Mary Wheeler, assistants.  
Bowdoin. Mary A. Murdock, Elizabeth B. Lincoln, Chastine Lincoln,  
 Frances M. Robinson, Caroline Andrews, Mary S. Robinson, assistants.  
Bryston. Margaret L. Emery, Harriet E. Emery, Clarinda H. F. Headwell,  
 Catharine Grover, & Susan M. Jones, assistants. Adams. Josiah A. Stearns,  
 usher. Franklin. John Capen, usher. Hannah S. Tirrell, Sarah  
 Ann Gale, Abigail E. Baldwin, & Catharine T. Simonds, assistants.  
Wells. William H. Swan, usher. Matilda A. Gerry, Hannah J.  
 Woodman, Caroline Otis, & Charlotte Woodman, assistants. Hawes.  
 Charles A. Morrill, usher. Julia M. Baxter, Harriet W. Goodridge,  
 Mary E. Clark, & Mary Ann Capen, assistants. Branch of Hawes.  
 Lucy Floyd, assistant. Johnson. Rebecca P. Barry, Martha E. Torne,  
 Sarah Ann Belding, Helen A. Dorr, Emma J. Knapp, & Judith  
 E. Parker, assistants. Winthrop. Eliza L. Felt, Lydia E. C. Morse,  
 Maria J. Bryant, Nancy Brooks, & Eliza R. Harrington, assistants.  
Smith. Sarah Forbes, & Chloe A. Lee, assistants. Joseph H. Putnam  
 monitor.

Ordered, that the sub-committee of the Eliot sch.  
 Eliot School be instructed to request Mr. Towar, the grammar master,  
 to remain in said school, until the first day of October next.

Ordered, that the Secretary advertise one week Eliot sch.  
 previous to the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September next, that applications will be  
 received for the office of grammar master of the Eliot school.

Adjourned, to Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, next,  
 4 o'clock, P. M. Attest, F. M. Colary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday the twenty first day of September Anno Domini 1844.

Present

The whole Board, except the Chairman and D. Adams. The Chairman being absent, Mr Blake presided as Chairman pro tempore.

Nazro

Petition of John G. Nazro, praying that his children may be permitted to attend the Johnson School. Referred to Messrs Odier, Palmer and Morgan, to consider and report.

The Special committee on Boylston School reported at large. Read and accepted. (See report on opposite page)

Boylston sch.  
Master

The Board proceeded by ballot to the choice of a master of the grammar department of the Boylston School for the remainder of the year; and the votes being taken it appeared that Charles Fox was chosen.

Boylston sch.  
sub-committee

Doctor Gordon requested to be discharged from the sub-committee of the Boylston school. - Laid on the table.

Adams sch.

The sub-committee of the Adams School nominated Maria Brigham, Mary S. Barker, Sarah L. Weld and Elizabeth A. Emerson as assistant teachers, which nomination was confirmed and they were appointed accordingly.

Adams sch.  
asp. teacher

Voted, that the salary of Mary L. Swift late assistant teacher of the Adams school be allowed.

and paid up to the first day of January next.

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The several applications for the office of gram-  
mar master, the district committee have considered and pro-  
posed to the board to be considered, as proposed, and  
the board have decided to appoint Mr. [Name] as  
grammar master.

Eliot Sch.

The motion, ordered, that the committee ap-  
pointed to make the annual examination and report of  
the grammar department of the public schools, be per-  
mitted to amend their report.

Grammar Sch,  
annual report.

The special committee, appointed to investi-  
gate the subject matter of difference between the present  
grammar master of the Boylston School, and the sub com-  
mittee of the school, submit the following Report.

Boylston Sch.

The committee met on the ninth instant to determine  
the course of procedure. The chairman was directed to  
request the sub committee of the school to furnish a writ-  
ten statement of their grounds of complaint against Mr.  
[Name] as grammar master. The sub committee was  
directed by the committee to furnish a written  
statement of the grounds of complaint. A copy of the  
committee met on Saturday the 18th inst to consider the  
matter referred to them, and were attended by Mr.  
[Name] and the two members of the sub committee who had  
furnished the statement of their grounds of complaint. The  
statement of the sub committee went into a narration of  
circumstances anterior to the occurrences which were the  
subject

subject matter of discussion at the last meeting of the Board, but the committee decided that they would confine their investigation to the occurrences which took place on the day when the candidates for medals were examined and on the day of the public exhibition. The conduct of Mr Fox on these two occasions was made a subject matter of complaint in the written statement which had been furnished to the committee. This was the subject of discussion at the meeting of the Board at which the committee was appointed. And although the vote appointing the committee was in its terms broad enough to authorize them to go into an investigation of the matters set forth in the written statement, the committee conceived it to be the design of the vote, that they should investigate the subject matter which had been specially brought to the attention of the Board, and they did not feel it incumbent on them to go into a more extended inquiry. Mr Fox was anxious that an investigation should be had of all matters of complaint which the members of the sub-committee had alleged against him, and that this investigation should be made, not by the committee but by the whole Board, and he urged it upon the committee to delay going into the investigation which they purposed to make, that he might have an opportunity to bring the whole matter of his differences with the sub-committee before the Board. As reasons for this request he stated that rumors had been circulated to his disadvantage, the effect of which had been to create prejudice against him, and he was desirous of an opportunity to satisfy the whole Board that these rumors were not well founded and to make detailed statements which

the committee could not fully exhibit to the board. The 264.  
committee did not feel at liberty to comply with his request  
but deemed it to be their duty, under the vote of the board,  
to investigate the conduct of Mr Fox on the two occasions which  
had been brought to the special notice of the board - leav-  
ing it to the board to take such course as they might judge  
proper in case other charges should be preferred against him,  
or he should himself think it advisable to ask for an in-  
vestigation of other matters not examined into by the commit-  
tee. The committee therefore requested the two members of  
the sub-committee, who were present, to give in the morning  
of Mr Fox a detailed statement of the occurrences which  
took place in the school on the two occasions before referred  
to, when they represented his treatment of them to have been  
disrespectful and insulting. Both gentlemen gave the  
statements requested; and Mr Fox by request of the com-  
mittee gave a statement of the occurrences of these two oc-  
casions as he recalled them. Some further explanations  
were given on either side as the parties wished to make,  
or as were called for by the committee. It was evident  
from the statements made on the one side and the other,  
that there had been a pre-existing coldness between the  
two members of the sub-committee and Mr Fox. This fact  
was not attempted to be concealed on either hand. What-  
ever might have been the causes of this coldness, and  
whatever reasons real or imaginary Mr Fox might have  
had for dissatisfaction with the gentlemen of the sub-com-  
mittee, or their treatment of him, the committee were  
all of opinion that it would in no way justify his  
treating these gentlemen with insult or disrespect; and

Mr Fox fully admitted and acknowledged his obligation in his official intercourse with these gentlemen, to treat them with courtesy and respect. The committee were therefore confirmed in their opinion that it was unnecessary to enter into any inquiry as to the causes of this state of feeling between Mr Fox and the gentlemen of the subcommittee. They do not mean to express any opinion as to the merits of the controversy which has existed between Mr Fox and his subcommittee. They did not examine into the subject; they can only say they deeply regret its existence. In comparing the statements made by the gentlemen of the subcommittee with that made by Mr Fox, the committee found some obvious discrepancies. They do not deem it necessary to review these statements, or to attempt to reconcile them. The circumstances under which the parties acted, would naturally lead each to be jealous of the acts of the other, & whilst neither would be disposed to render the other more than what was justly due, it would be almost a necessary consequence that each would misconceive the motives and put a wrong construction on the acts of the other. That such misconception (and misconstruction) actually occurred in this case, as to which the attention of the committee has been called, was apparent to their minds from the fact that whilst Mr Fox solemnly assured the committee that he had no intention of treating the gentlemen of the subcommittee with disrespect, he also felt aggrieved by the course pursued by the two gentlemen of the subcommittee in conducting the examination for medals. He intended to say that such a course had been pursued

an intention to treat him with neglect, and not to extend to him 266.

that courtesy which is usually accorded to masters by consulting them in regard to the merits of the candidates for medals.

The committee have no doubt that Mr Fox misjudged the motives of the gentlemen of the subcommittee and after hearing the statement of Mr Fox the committee felt bound in the exercise of a spirit of candor, to believe his solemn assertion that he had no intention to treat the gentlemen of the subcommittee with disrespect. In regard to some of the circumstances among which there was no material discrepancy between the parties, the explanations of Mr Fox were satisfactory to the committee. In regard to other matters concerning which there was a variance in the statements, the committee are of opinion that they may be accounted for as arising from misapprehension and misconstruction, growing out of the peculiar position of the parties - In conclusion they would say, that they do not consider the circumstances of the case such as would warrant an act of censure on the part of the board.

At the same time they deem it highly important that Mr Fox considering his relations to the gentlemen of the subcommittee of his school, should deport himself with all possible circumspection in his official intercourse with them. The committee recommend that Mr Fox be re-elected Grammar Master of the Boylston School for the whole of the current year, all which is respectfully submitted. By order of the committee Wm. J. Hubbard - Chairman

Petition of Charles Fox, master of the grammar department of the Boylston School, praying to be heard before

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before the whole board of school committee respecting a  
 and thereupon ordered, that the board will hear  
 Mr Fox on Tuesday next, 5 o'clock p.m.

Adjourned, to Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September,  
 next, 4 o'clock p.m. Met,

J. M. Colary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the  
 City of Boston; held at City Hall, on Tuesday the twenty  
 eighth day of September, Anno Domini 1844.

Present

W. W. W. and the whole board except Messrs. Morgan,  
 Waterston, Wigglesworth, Lewis and Jarvis.

Annual reports.

The Committee appointed on the 13<sup>th</sup> of  
 August last, to take into consideration the suggestions contain-  
 ed in the reports of the annual committees, with a view to  
 select such portions of the same as they may deem expedient  
 for publication; and to report such resolves on the subject  
 of the suggestions as they may think it advisable to present  
 to the Board for their adoption. Respectfully Report

That they have carefully examined the reports referred  
 to them, and have selected and marked certain portions  
 of the same for publication. The parts selected are those  
 in which the respective committees express their general views

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in regard to the condition of the schools, point out what appear to them to be defects and suggest improvements. The report of the committee on the Grammar Schools contains valuable suggestions, in regard to the importance of thorough and exact instruction - a more careful attention to the History and Geography of our own country - and the danger of tasking the memories of the pupils, to the neglect of a proper exercise of their understandings. - The committee also state in their report that they noticed too great a disparity between the extreme portions of the schools, and between the highest and lowest members of the same class, and assign, as a seeming cause that the attention of the teachers is not fairly divided. They also noticed as a general defect in the schools, the want of a distinct articulation and a clear utterance. These suggestions do not seem to call for the adoption by the Board of any specific resolves but your committee deem it important to apprise the teachers in the different schools of the views expressed by the committee, and that this Board require their special attention to the suggestions and recommendations contained in the report. The closing remarks of the committee on the grammar schools, on the subject of the defective arrangements and inferior accommodations of our school houses, commend themselves to the candid consideration of another branch of the City government, to which is entrusted the control of our public expenditures. An enlightened economy dictates the appropriation of money to those objects, the promotion of which will most effectually advance the best interests of the community. In this community it need not be argued, that among

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these objects education is of primary importance. Boston has in years past justly boasted of the superiority of her public schools. But there is reason to fear that some of our sister cities & some neighboring towns are taking the lead of us in the improvements which they have made in their school houses. Certain it is, that there are school houses in our city in which little regard is exhibited to the physical comfort of the scholars, and in which the acquisition of learning is made at the imminent risk and often at the sacrifice of the vital organs of teachers as well as pupils. If there is any department of the public service in which the citizens of Boston approve of a liberal expenditure it is in that of education.

It is not only expected (and required) that competent instructors shall be appointed by the School Committee, to instruct all the children who may attend our public schools, but also that school houses shall be furnished in which the teachers and scholars, when assembled may be permitted at least to breathe the vital air and enjoy the light of day. It is to be hoped the time is not far distant when in every section of our city all cause of complaint on this head will cease to exist. The committee on the writing schools in their report notice the fact, that in some of the schools the masters consider it inexpedient that the pupils should commit to memory the rules & definitions in the different branches and dispense with the learning of them; and the committee express their decided disapprobation of this course. Your committee entirely concur in the views expressed in the report, and are of opinion that the practice thus brought to the know-

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ledge of the Board requires their special notice, and an expression of their disapprobation. The remarks in the report concerning penmanship, and in regard to the different modes of instruction in this branch present a subject, in regard to which there may be a diversity of opinion, among which your committee are not prepared themselves to express a decided opinion. They therefore do not recommend any specific action by the Board, but would leave the suggestions in the report without comment for the consideration of the masters. On the subject of the use of keys, your committee deem it important that there should be a decided expression of the views of the board in confirmation of the views expressed in the report.

Your committee also recommend that the board take special notice of the omission in some of the schools to instruct the pupils of the first class in book-keeping, and enjoin it upon the masters to communicate instruction to their pupils in this, as well as the other branches prescribed in the regulations of the schools. In order to carry out the recommendations contained in this report your committee respectfully recommend to the Board for their adoption, the subjoined order and resolves: For the Committee Wm J. Hubbard, Chairman: Order to be prefixed to the extracts from the annual reports.

Ordered; That the following extracts from the reports of the committees, appointed to make the annual examination of the several English grammar schools and writing schools of the city, be printed together with the resolves of the board passed at the meeting held this day, and that a copy of the same be furnished to each

of the masters, masters and teachers of the several English grammar schools and writing schools under the care of this Board. -- Resolved, to be appended to the extracts from the report. -- Resolved, that the masters and teachers, in the several English grammar schools and writing schools under the care of this Board, be required to give special attention to the suggestions and recommendations contained in the foregoing extracts, and to use all practicable means to correct the evils and deficiencies therein noticed. Resolved, That the several writing masters, their wives and assistant teachers, be required to instruct their pupils, in the rules and definitions contained in the text books used, in their schools, so that they may be able to repeat the same, or the substance thereof. Resolved, That the writing masters be required to prohibit the use by their pupils of keys to arithmetic and algebra. Resolved, That the writing masters, in all the schools be required to impart instruction in book keeping to all the pupils in their first classes, as far as practicable, as well as in the other prescribed studies.

Read and accepted.

Rules & orders

The committee appointed to report rules and orders made a report, which after sundry amendments was accepted -- and thereupon ordered that five hundred copies of the same be printed.

For

A motion was made to reconsider the vote which was passed at the last meeting, that Charles Fox

Fox, master of the grammar department of the Boylston School, be heard before this board, which motion prevailed and the same was considered - and it was thereupon voted that said Fox have leave to withdraw his petition. 272.

A communication from Thomas Gallaudet recommending the practical spelling book by Thomas Gallaudet and Hiram Hooker, of Hartford Conn. to be used in the schools. - Also a communication from Thomas Sherwin, with a copy of his treatise on Algebra, with a request that the same be permitted to be used in the English High School. Referred to the committee on books. Gallaudet, Sherwin Books.

The meeting was then adjourned  
Attest.

L. M. Cleary,  
Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the second day of November, A. 1841.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board of School committee, except Messrs. Frothingham, Winslow and Jarvis.

Quarterly reports.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the schools, which were read.

Eng. High Sch.

The sub committee of the English High School, reported, that the third class is unusually large, & by the regulations it became necessary that the committee should appoint an additional usher. The committee appointed W. William A. Shepard, usher pro tempore, to take charge of one division of the third class. He entered upon his duties on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September last. He has given entire satisfaction to the master, and also to the sub committee, who therefore nominate him to the board, as a suitable person to be permanently appointed. Read, accepted, and said nomination was confirmed, and said Shepard was appointed accordingly.

Franklin sch.

The sub committee of the Franklin school, reported, that since the last quarterly examination, Mr. John Capen and Miss Emily Frothingham have resigned their places. When these vacancies occurred, the question arose, whether another usher should be appointed, or both vacancies be filled by females; and after a free interchange of opinions between the committee and the master, it was unanimously thought best to take the latter course; accordingly Miss Caroline Bullard and Miss Martha A. Parker have been appointed. A few committees also beg leave to state, that some of the scholars of the first class, have been paying

some attention to a new system of grammar under the tuition of its author, Mr. James Brown; and that though they have had but little instruction, and that in the morning before the commencement of the school, they have made such proficiency, I feel such an interest in the work, that it seems no more than proper, that they should be allowed the privilege of studying it, for the ensuing six months. Your committee therefore respectfully request, that such a privilege be granted them. In requesting this we wish not to be understood as expressing any farther opinion in regard to the merits of the work than to say, we think it worthy of a trial, especially when there is such a general dissatisfaction with the common system. The foregoing nomination of female instructresses was confirmed, and they were appointed accordingly. That part which relates to the grammar was referred to the committee on books, with instructions if they shall deem it expedient, that they try the experiment in the first class

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The sub committee of the Boylston school nominated Miss Owen as an assistant teacher in place of Master Fox, which nomination was confirmed, and she was appointed accordingly.

Boylston sch.

The sub committee of the Wells school reported, that Miss Charlotte Woodman, one of the assistant teachers has resigned her situation, & left the school on Saturday last. The committee have appointed in her place Miss Mary E. Swift, late of the Adams school, the appointment being for three months from the 1<sup>st</sup> instant; but with the expectation of her being retained permanently.

Wells sch.

Read & accepted.

The sub com<sup>ee</sup> of the Hawes school nominated Miss Evelina Crane as assistant teacher in place of Miss Harriet Goodridge. Which nomination was confirmed, & she was appointed accordingly.

Hawes sch.

Johnson Sch.

The sub committee of the Johnson school reported; that they would call the attention of the general board to the very defective style of the desks and seats in this school. The desks are so near each other, that there is no space behind the seats for the pupils to stand while reciting. There are no backs to these seats, which makes the position of the pupils a very constrained & uneasy one; they are positively detrimental, & in the opinion of your sub committee the subject demands the attention of the gentlemen who have in charge the public school houses.

Read, and thereupon—

Ordered, that Messrs Jarvis, Odlin & Lewis be a committee to confer with the committee of public buildings on the subject of making a change in the construction of the desks and seats in the Johnson school house, and to take such other measures as may be necessary to accomplish the object.

Sherwin

Algebra

The book committee, to whom was referred the communication of Mr. Sherwin, principal of the High School, requesting permission to use in that school, his work on Algebra recently published, respectfully report, that they are satisfied in part on their own examination, but more particularly from conversation with experienced teachers of private schools in this city, who have examined the book, that it is a work of much merit, & better fitted for a text book in the High School than the treatise on Algebra now used there. They therefore recommend, that Mr. Sherwin's request be granted, and that the words "Colburn's or Bailey's Algebra" be struck from line 3.<sup>d</sup> page 21.<sup>st</sup> of the 1<sup>st</sup> regulations of the public schools, and the words "Sherwin's Algebra" be substituted therefor. For the com<sup>ee</sup> Edward Wigglesworth.

Read and accepted

Ordered, that the Mayor, Mep.<sup>s</sup> Capen, 276.

Hubbard, Simonds Skinner be a committee to report a name for the new school house, now being built and nearly finished, for the use of the branch school at South Boston. New sch. name for

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of John G. Nazro requesting "that his child or may be permitted to return to the Johnson School" have attended to the duty assigned them and ask leave to report. Nazro

That the petitioners children were removed from the Johnson School, in consequence of a change in the "limits of attendance" at the schools in the southern section of the City, after a full and deliberate examination by a special committee of this Board. - This change, your committee find, equalizes the attendance, and so far as they can ascertain satisfactorily, with some few exceptions, which they would take pleasure in accommodating did it not establish a bad precedent. These schools are now full and your committee think there can be no better method of equalizing attendance than by "limits" which this Board have the power to create for the better accommodation of the citizens. - and in this your committee are supported by the legal opinion of the City Solicitor, which they ask leave to incorporate in their report. - (City Solicitor's opinion) Your committee regret that they cannot recommend a compliance with the request of the petitioner, after so conclusive an opinion of the power of the board and a full investigation of the case. - They ask leave to offer the following resolution - Resolved that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition, all of which is respectfully submitted.

for the Committee John Edin jr. City Solicitor's Office  
 October 26<sup>th</sup> 1841. Dr John Edin jr. Chairman of the grammar  
 school committee. Sir, I have considered the question sta-  
 ted in your letter addressed to me on behalf of your Commit-  
 tee, to wit. Whether the said Board (the School Commis-  
 sioners) have the power to restrict or limit the attendance  
 at any or all the public schools under their care, as ap-  
 pears to have been done in the petition of John G. Harris.  
 By the petition of Mr Harris it appears, that some of his  
 children have attended the Johnson School since its  
 formation; and, in his opinion, "it will be very detri-  
 mental to their welfare to be obliged to leave." He also  
 states, that "from the best information he can obtain, he  
 believes his children have the lawful right to attend any  
 of the public schools within the limits of the city, which  
 are not already full; inasmuch as the schools of the city  
 have never been legally districted;" and he therefore re-  
 quests that his children may be permitted to return  
 to that school. So far as relates to the particular case  
 before you it seems by the returns you have shown me  
 that the Johnson School is already full, contrary to the  
 supposition of Mr Harris, as expressed in his petition;  
 and, if the returns are correct, his own remark leads  
 me to suppose he would not expect his children to con-  
 tinue at that school. But the question proposed is  
 more general and involves a consideration of the legal  
 powers of the committee to regulate this, as well as other  
 parts of the system of public schools in the city of Boston.  
 And as connected with the general powers of the School  
 Committee; the petitioner relies upon the fact, that the  
 Schools

parts of the city, and was long ago settled.  
 This opinion of the petitioner seems to be founded upon the  
 idea, that in regard to the right of establishing school  
 districts, as they are called in law, the city of Boston is to  
 be considered on the same point of view with towns in the  
 country. But the laws respecting those districts were never  
 intended to apply to such a case. The older statutes, respect-  
 ing the subject of districts give the reasons for those sub-  
 divisions of towns in the country. The Statute of 1789,  
 chapter 19 recites - that "whereas by means of the dis-  
 persed situation of the inhabitants of several towns and  
 districts in this commonwealth, the children and youth can-  
 not be collected in any one place for their instruction,  
 and it has thence become expedient that the towns and  
 districts in the circumstances aforesaid should be divided  
 into separate districts for the purpose aforesaid" (that is  
 for the purposes of education) therefore the several towns  
 and districts are authorized in their meetings to deter-  
 mine and define the limits of school districts within  
 the towns and districts respectively. The practical  
 construction of this branch of the school laws, so far as  
 I am informed, has always been, that it was applica-  
 ble only to towns in the country, where the "dispersed  
 situation" of the inhabitants rendered it necessary, or  
 expedient, in order to effect the great object of the school  
 laws, which is, as expressed in the title of the act "the  
 instruction of youth and the promotion of good educa-  
 tion". Accordingly the town of Boston, and the larger  
 towns whose population was not dispersed but con-  
 spicuously compact, have for a long series of years, in the management

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and regulation of their public schools, proceeded upon the ground, that the regulations in question were not intended for their government; and I am not aware, that they have ever attempted to establish what are called "School districts" in the legal sense of the term. Nor am I aware, that their practical construction of the school laws in this particular has ever been called in question. The school districts provided by the Statutes, are intended to be a species of corporations; and in towns whose population is "dispersed," it has been found necessary, that they should accordingly exercise various corporate powers within their respective territorial limits. And if this mode of districting is to be considered as applicable to Boston and other cities or towns of a compact population, it is obvious, that a great number of these limited corporations must be created within those cities and towns. The long established practice to the contrary in cities and towns of that class, strongly indicates the original object and intent of the law to have been as before stated. If then it is not the duty of the City to establish school districts of the kind described in the Statutes, the question recurs, whether the School Committee has the right to limit the attendance of the pupils at any or all of the public schools under their care, and in what mode this shall be done. I am of opinion, that the right of regulating the attendance of the pupils in particular schools, must be considered as incidental to the School Committee's powers; as they may also determine what number of school houses shall be established, in what parts of the city, or what number of

of pupils and instructors shall be prescribed to any one school. As to the mode of regulating the attendance of the pupils, I do not perceive any legal objection to that which the committee have adopted; that is, that all children living within certain limits or limits, however small, must be received in one school, and shall attend at a particular school. It may happen, in some cases, that children, who have been accustomed to go to a particular school, may be removed to another, in consequence of their parents removing to a different district, or of an alteration in the limits of such district, just as would happen in case of a removal from one town to another, or of an alteration of the boundaries of a legal school district in the country. Such changes are, doubtless, in some cases attended with inconveniences; and, in all, would probably be at first unpleasant to pupils, who had become attached to a particular instructor; but, in the continual changes incident to all the institutions of society, they seem to be unavoidable.

It is the duty of the City to provide suitable and competent instructors for all the public schools; but it cannot be expected, that all of them should possess exactly the same qualities, or be the same disposition and deportment to render them equally popular with the pupils. Few arrangements must from time to time be made; new school-houses must be built; old masters must be succeeded by new ones, and new classes of pupils must be provided for; and, if by such unavoidable changes, particular inconvenience should happen to an individual pupil, though it would be a subject of regret, yet

yet it seems to be a case for which the general regulations must provide an adequate remedy; and the citizens must rely upon the good judgment and discretion of the Select Committees in the exercise of the powers, which they have themselves entrusted to them. I am, Sir, your obedient servant. (Mrs. Tichenor)  
 City Solicitor.

The foregoing report was read & accepted, the meeting was adjourned. Attest,

E. B. McLeary,  
 Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday, the twenty fourth day of December, Anno Domini, 1841.

Present -

The Chairman, Messrs. Frothingham, Clark, Barnes, Ayer, Neale, Emerson, Dyer, Hubbard, Gordon, Adams, Parker, Wigglesworth, Oliver, Skinner, Capen and Simonds.

Singing in the  
 Schools.

Resolved, That the hours appropriated to instruction in singing in the several schools the current winter term shall be as follows. In the Franklin, Doylston, Johnson, Endicott, Hawes, Lyman, and Winthrop, Schools, on Wednesdays & Saturdays from half past 11 till 12 o'clock. In the Eliot and Hancock, on Mondays and Thursdays from half past 11 till 12 o'clock. In the Adams and Bowdoin, on Tuesdays and Fridays from half past 11 till 12 o'clock. In the Mayhew on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 till half past 9 o'clock A. M. In the Hawes branch, on Saturdays from 11 till half

half past 11 o'clock, A. M. In the Smith, on Mondays from a quarter before 4 till a quarter past 4 o'clock, P. M. and on Friday from 2 till half past 2 o'clock, P. M. In the Wells on Tuesdays and Fridays from a quarter before 4 till a quarter past 4 o'clock P. M.

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The sub committee of the Winthrop school reported the name of Miss Elizabeth W. Shelton, as an assistant instructress in the room of Miss L. C. Morse who resigns her situation from December 31<sup>st</sup> 1841. Which nomination was confirmed, & she was appointed accordingly.

Winthrop Sch.

The sub committee of the Adams school reported, that in the absence of Miss Barker, one of the instructresses who has been detained by an affection of her eyes, contracted in the service of the school, they appointed Miss Mary E. Beck, who for the last two months has supplied the place of Miss Barker, temporarily, until the disability of Miss Barker shall cease; which is expected on the first proximo; and they recommended that Miss Beck be paid to that time. Read & accepted and ordered accordingly.

Adams Sch.

The committee who were authorized to report a name for the new school house now being built and nearly completed, at South Boston, reported a name to be given to said school. Read and thereupon ordered, that the subject be indefinitely postponed.

New school  
name for

Communication from James B. Dow, re- commanding Parker's Geographical questions to be used in the grammar schools, together with copies of that work. Read and referred to the committee on books.

Parker's Geograph.  
questions.

On motion of Doctor Ayer

Chairman

thanks to

Resolved, That the thanks of the  
this board be tendered to the Mayor, for the urbanity with  
which he has presided over the deliberations of this board.

The foregoing resolution was read by the Secretary  
and was passed by a unanimous vote.

To which the Mayor made a pertinent reply.

The meeting was then adjourned without day.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

The following votes were passed at the foregoing meeting, but were omitted through mistake.

Ordered, that there be paid to the Secretary  
of this board, one hundred and fifty dollars, for his services the  
current year. - Ordered, that there be paid, to the Messenger  
of this board, one hundred dollars, for his services the current  
year.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

Latin.

Warren Tilton  
George L. Parkman  
William E. Boies  
Benjamin A. Gould, Junr.  
George B. Cary, Junr.

Eliot

George C. Parkhurst  
William L. Jenkins  
Carlot L. Bates  
Charles W. Slack  
Jonathan L. Parker  
Wyman B. Streeter

Winthrop.

James Livet  
C. A. S. Richardson  
George W. Hunkins  
Samuel T. Bliss  
William Scammon  
George D. Hunt

Wells.

George W. Abbot  
Samuel G. Ware  
Asa B. Brown

Hawes.

George H. Nelson  
William E. Jenkins  
Charles M. Doolley

Boss.

English High.

Samuel D. Vose  
Francis J. Child  
Thomas A. Watson  
Thomas Gaffield, Junr.  
William G. Ladd

Mayhew.

David H. Bradley  
Francis S. Drake  
Samuel N. Fuller?  
James Hensley  
Joseph L. Holton  
James Short

Adams.

Levi H. Townsend  
Francis J. Williams  
Edward L. Lead

Franklin.

Joshua P. Bird  
Joseph W. Field  
Elihu C. Prescott

Boylston.

Wm. Frederick Thurd  
Stephen Shelton  
Washington Lafayette Holbrook

Lyman.

George A. French

Hancock.

Sarah E. Butts.  
 Angeline Boles.  
 Hannah E. Coolidge.  
 Hannah A. Collier.  
 Harriet N. Decker.  
 Mary E. Marden.

Johnson.

Martha K. Baldwin.  
 Elizabeth M. Preston.  
 Mary A. Tucker.  
 Bethiah E. Dyer.  
 Henrietta S. T. Eustis.  
 Lucy J. Towns.

Wells.

Mary Dana.  
 Sarah A. Cushing.  
 Ann E. Blanchard.

Franklin.

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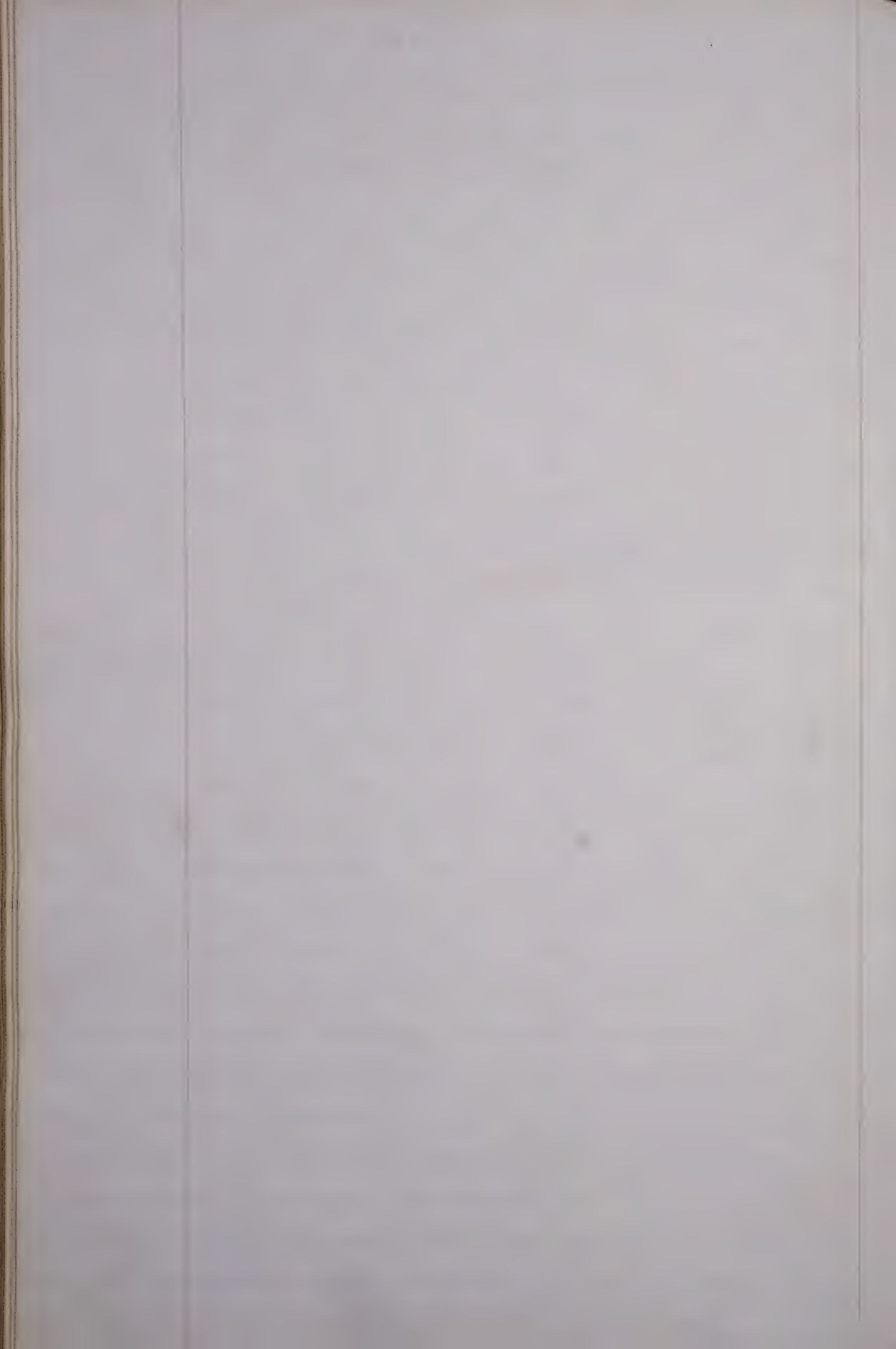
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